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**Towards the Implementation of**  
**COMCEC Strategy and Ministerial Policy**  
**Recommendations**



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**MINISTERIAL POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS**  
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## **Introduction**

This report provides a summary of the technical activities and programmes that have been conducted by SESRIC towards the implementation of COMCEC Strategy and Ministerial Policy Recommendations to be submitted to the 37<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Session of the COMCEC, which will be held on 22-25 November 2021.

Since the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC, SESRIC has continued to prepare regular technical background reports and research studies on a wide range of socio-economic issues on the agendas of various OIC conferences and related meetings, particularly the sectoral ministerial conferences and the annual sessions of the relevant standing committees. In doing so, the Centre continued to make a significant contribution to the OIC policy dialogue mechanism by analysing the current situation at the OIC level and suggesting appropriate policy actions to address the challenges and strengthen intra-OIC cooperation in the relevant fields.

The Centre also continued to contribute to the efforts of the National Statistical Offices (NSOs) towards enhancing and improving the National Statistical Systems (NSSs) in the OIC Member States with a view to producing better national statistics and thus helping policy-makers introduce better national policies and strategies. In this context and in its capacity as the Secretariat of the OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom) and through its Statistical Capacity Building (StatCaB) Programme, the Centre contributes significantly to the technical capacity building of the NSOs and other constituents of the NSSs of the OIC Member States.

During the period under review, SESRIC has made efforts to strengthen intra-OIC south-south cooperation by implementing a wide range of capacity building programmes and training activities on various socio-economic fields of immediate interest to the OIC Member States. Currently, the Centre has 24 sector-specific capacity building programmes covering a wide range of areas such as finance, agriculture, health, environment, water resources, poverty alleviation, disaster risk management, public employment and tourism. These programmes are implemented in close cooperation with relevant national institutions of the OIC Member States through various modalities, including training courses, training workshops and study visits.

Since the outbreak of the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19), the Centre has undertaken the necessary and timely technical preparations in order to continue its training activities and keep participants motivated and engaged during this time of global crisis. In this regard, the Centre has achieved to organise most of its planned activities in 2021 through adopted distance learning IT modalities in response to this extraordinary situation.

Furthermore, during the period under review, SESRIC signed 3 agreements with the relevant national institutions of the OIC Member States to strengthen its ties with its partners for a better implementation of COMCEC Strategy and Ministerial Policy Recommendations:

No.	Partners	Date of Agreement
1.	State Statistical Committee (SSC) of the Republic of Azerbaijan	11 February 2021
2.	National Institute of Statistics (INSTAT) of the Republic of Mali	08 July 2021
3.	Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)	19 August 2021

In the light of the above, this report highlights the implemented activities of SESRIC in accordance with the seven cooperation areas of the COMCEC Strategy, namely Intra-OIC Trade, Enhancing the Role of Private Sector in Economic Cooperation, Improving Transport and Communications, Developing a Sustainable and Competitive Tourism Sector, Increasing Productivity of Agriculture Sector and Sustaining Food Security, Alleviating Poverty, and Deepening Financial Cooperation.

#### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

- 1. INTRA-OIC TRADE**
- 2. ENHANCING THE ROLE OF PRIVATE SECTOR IN ECONOMIC COOPERATION**
- 3. IMPROVING TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS**
- 4. DEVELOPING A SUSTAINABLE AND COMPETITIVE TOURISM SECTOR**
- 5. INCREASING PRODUCTIVITY OF AGRICULTURE SECTOR AND SUSTAINING FOOD SECURITY**
- 6. ALLEVIATING POVERTY**
- 7. DEEPENING FINANCIAL COOPERATION**

## 1. INTRA-OIC TRADE

Since the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC, the following activities were implemented by SESRIC under the agenda item on intra-OIC trade:

### SESRIC Capacity Building Programmes

	Subject	Date	Beneficiary	Provider/ Partner	Venue
1.	Statistical Training Course on “International Trade Statistics and Balance of Payments”	08-11 February 2021	National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of Benin, Djibouti, Guinea, Mali, Morocco, and Tunisia	NSO of Senegal	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
2.	Training Workshop on “Data Collection and Analysis of Trade-in-Services among the OIC Member States”	23-25 March 2021	NSOs of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Benin, Burkina Faso, Egypt, Guinea, Indonesia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Mali, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Suriname, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, and Uganda	Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) and Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Group	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
3.	Webinar on “International Trade in Goods Statistics”	06 April 2021	NSOs of Afghanistan, Bahrain, Cote d’Ivoire, Indonesia, Kuwait, Maldives, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Suriname, Togo, Tunisia, and Uzbekistan	NSOs of Palestine, Saudi Arabia and Turkey	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
4.	Webinar on “International Trade in Services Statistics”	13 April 2021	NSOs of Afghanistan, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Benin, Cote d’Ivoire, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Maldives, Pakistan, Somalia, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, and UAE	NSO of Turkey	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey

- **Study on Potential Economic Impacts of the AfCFTA on Selected OIC Countries:** SESRIC and the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC) of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) conducted a joint research study to assess the potential impacts of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) on OIC African countries, namely Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Guinea, Mozambique, Tunisia and Uganda. The study investigates how the AfCFTA can contribute to the greater intra-regional trade among OIC African countries by highlighting output, trade and welfare effects and providing some policy directions towards better utilization of the Agreement based on the projected outcomes.
- **OIC Economic Outlook 2021:** This report analyses the trends in major economic indicators for the OIC Member Countries, as a group, in a comparative manner with the groups of developed and non-OIC developing countries as well as with the world average. The report mainly focuses on the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on trade, transport and tourism sectors. In so doing, the report highlights a number of constraints and challenges confronting the OIC Member Countries in their efforts towards enhancing their economic development and progress.
- **OIC Statistics (OICStat) Database:** SESRIC is hosting 157 indicators under the International Trade category of OICStat Database, which can be accessed through <https://www.sesric.org/oicstat.php> and are being updated regularly.

## 2. ENHANCING THE ROLE OF PRIVATE SECTOR IN ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Since the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC, the following activities were implemented by SESRIC under the agenda item of enhancing the role of private sector in economic cooperation:

### OIC-VET Programme

	Subject	Date	Beneficiary	Provider/ Partner	Venue
1.	Webinar on “Strengthening Private Sector Involvement in Skills Development”	11 February 2021	Relevant National TVET Authorities of the OIC Member States	Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU), Islamic University of Technology (IUT), UNDP Istanbul International Centre for Private Sector in Development (IICPSD), International Labour Organisation (ILO), Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB)	Virtual- SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey

- **Entrepreneurship Bootcamp:** Within the framework of the BINA Programme, SESRIC, in collaboration with the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) and Libyan Program for Reintegration and Development (LPRD), organised an “Entrepreneurship Bootcamp” on 10-11 February 2021 for the benefit of Start-ups/SMEs to assist them in finalizing their prototypes, business plans and developing their minimum viable products (MVPs) at the BINA Incubator in Istanbul, Turkey.
- **SMEs Incubation Activity:** Within the framework of the BINA Programme, SESRIC, in collaboration with the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) and Libyan Program for Reintegration and Development (LPRD), organized a “SMEs Incubation Activity” on 5-10 April 2021 for the benefit of selected 10 Libyan Start-ups/SMEs for networking and matchmaking in Turkey.
- **OICStat Database:** SESRIC is hosting 39 indicators under the Private Sector category of OICStat Database and are being updated regularly.

### 3. IMPROVING TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Since the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC, the following activities were implemented by SESRIC under the agenda item on improving transport and communications:

#### SESRIC Capacity Building Programmes

	Subject	Date	Beneficiary	Provider/ Partner	Venue
1.	Webinar on “Survey on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Usage in Household and Individuals”	10 December 2020	NSOs of Afghanistan, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Brunei, Burkina Faso, Egypt, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mozambique, Pakistan, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Togo, Turkey, and Uzbekistan	NSO of Turkey	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
2.	Webinar on “Survey on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Usage in Enterprises”	17 December 2020	NSOs of Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Brunei, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Morocco, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Suriname, Tunisia, Turkey, and Uzbekistan	NSO of Turkey	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey

	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Beneficiary</b>	<b>Provider/ Partner</b>	<b>Venue</b>
3.	Statistical Training Course on “Transport Statistics”	15-18 March 2021	NSOs of Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Gabon, Guinea, Morocco, Niger, and Togo	NSO of Senegal	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
4.	Webinar on “SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, Infrastructure) Indicators”	18 March 2021	NSOs of Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Benin, Egypt, Guyana, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mozambique, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Suriname, and Turkey	NSOs of Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, and Turkey	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
5.	Statistical Training Course on “Information Society Statistics”	24-27 May 2021	NSOs of Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Iran, Kazakhstan, Maldives, Morocco, Pakistan, Palestine, Senegal, Somalia, Oman, Qatar, and Turkey	NSO of Malaysia	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
6.	Webinar on “Motor Vehicle, Traffic Volume, and Road Traffic Accident Statistics”	03 June 2021	NSOs of the OIC Member States	NSO of Turkey	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey

- **OICStat Database:** SESRIC is hosting 43 indicators under the Transportation and Communication category of OICStat Database and are being updated regularly.

#### **4. DEVELOPING A SUSTAINABLE AND COMPETITIVE TOURISM SECTOR**

Since the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC, the following activities were implemented by SESRIC under the agenda item on developing sustainable and competitive tourism sector:



## SESRIC Capacity Building Programmes

	Subject	Date	Beneficiary	Provider/ Partner	Venue
1.	Statistical Training Course on “Tourism Statistics”	13-15 December 2020	NSOs of Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen	Statistical Training Course on “Tourism Statistics”	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
2.	Statistical Training Course on “Tourism Statistics”	18-21 January 2021	NSOs of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Brunei, Indonesia, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and Uzbekistan	Statistical Training Course on “Tourism Statistics”	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
3.	Webinar on “Tourism Statistics”	24 February 2021	NSOs of Albania, Algeria, Bangladesh, Benin, Brunei, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mozambique, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Suriname, Togo, and Uzbekistan	Webinar on “Tourism Statistics”	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
4.	Training Workshop on “Tourism Destination Marketing Strategies”	02-04 March 2021	National Tourism Authorities of Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Guyana, Mali, Morocco, Mozambique, Nigeria, Oman, Palestine, Somalia, Sudan, Togo, Turkey, Uganda, and Yemen	Directorate General of Promotion under the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Republic of Turkey, International Institute for Halal Research and Training (INHART) of Malaysia, ICDT, and DinarStandard	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
5.	Training Course on “Halal Tourism and Muslim-Friendly Hospitality Services”	22-26 March 2021	National Tourism Office of Comoros	Islamic Tourism Centre (ITC) of Malaysia	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey

	Subject	Date	Beneficiary	Provider/ Partner	Venue
6.	Training of Trainers (ToT) Course on “Tourism and Hospitality Services”	29 March - 02 April 2021	National TVET Authorities of Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Benin, Cameroon, Egypt, The Gambia, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Senegal, Somalia, Suriname, Tunisia, and Turkmenistan	General Directorate of Vocational and Technical Education at the Ministry of National Education of Turkey	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
7.	Training Course on “Effective Strategic Planning for the Promotion of Sustainable Tourism Development”	24-26 August 2021	National Tourism Authorities of Azerbaijan, Benin, Cameroon, Comoros, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Guinea, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Togo, Uzbekistan	Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Arts of the Republic of Benin	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey

- **OICStat Database:** SESRIC is hosting 12 indicators under the Tourism category of OICStat Database and are being updated regularly.

## 5. INCREASING PRODUCTIVITY OF AGRICULTURE SECTOR AND SUSTAINING FOOD SECURITY

Since the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC, the following activities were implemented by SESRIC under the agenda item on increasing agricultural productivity and sustaining food security:

### SESRIC Capacity Building Programmes

	Subject	Date	Beneficiary	Provider/ Partner	Venue
1.	Training Course on “Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries Statistics”	30 November – 04 December 2020	NSO of Cote d'Ivoire	NSO of Morocco	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
2.	Training Course on “Developing Livestock Production and Animal Husbandry to Foster Food Security”	19-21 May 2021	Ministries of Agriculture and Food Security of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Benin, Cameroon, Egypt, Malaysia, Maldives, Mozambique, Nigeria, Pakistan, Suriname, Tunisia and Turkey	Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industries of Malaysia	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey

	Subject	Date	Beneficiary	Provider/ Partner	Venue
3.	Training Course on “Food Waste Reduction”	10-12 August 2021	Ministries of Agriculture and Food Security of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Guyana, Indonesia, Iraq, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Suriname, Tajikistan, Togo, Tunisia and Turkey	Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI) under the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industries of Malaysia and the Solid Waste and Public Cleansing Management Corporation (SWCorp) under the Ministry of Housing and Local Government of Malaysia	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
4.	Virtual Training Workshop on “Compilation and Analysis of National Food Balance Sheets in OIC Countries”	18-22 October 2021	NSOs and Ministries of Agriculture of Albania, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Gabon, Guinea, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mali, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sudan, Suriname, Tajikistan, Togo, Tunisia, and Turkey	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and COMCEC	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey

- **Supplementary Chapter on Agricultural Research and Development (R&D) in OIC Member Countries:** This brief supplementary chapter explores the current status of agricultural R&D in OIC member countries by looking into the latest available statistics on R&D spending trends and human resource capacity and proposes policy actions to ensure better practices.
- **OIC Water Report 2021:** This report presents the current state of water resources and their management in OIC Member Countries by using a wide range of the latest relevant statistics. The report also highlights the nexus between water, energy, and food security along with the impacts of climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic on water resources in OIC Member Countries.

- **OIC Environment Report 2021:** This report examines the current state of the environment and its management in OIC Member Countries by using the most recent data available on major relevant indicators. This edition of the report also highlights OIC Member Countries' progress towards meeting the targets on environment-related sustainable development goals (SDGs) and Paris Agreement commitments.
- **OICStat Database:** SESRIC is hosting 99 indicators under the Agriculture category of OICStat Database and are being updated regularly.

## 6. ALLEVIATING POVERTY

Since the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC, the following activities were implemented by SESRIC under the agenda item on alleviating poverty:

### SESRIC Capacity Building Programmes

	Subject	Date	Beneficiary	Provider/ Partner	Venue
1.	Training Course on “Monitoring and Evaluation of the National Development Plans and Projects”	07-10 December 2020	Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development (MoPIED) of Somalia	Ministry of Industry and Technology of Turkey, Strategy and Budget Presidency of Turkey, Ankara Development Agency, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA), Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat)	Virtual- SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
2.	Statistical Training Course on “Living Conditions and Poverty Statistics”	08-09 December 2020	NSO of Bangladesh	NSO of Indonesia	Virtual- SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
3.	Webinar on “The Impact of COVID-19 on Elderly People and Persons with Disabilities in the OIC Member States”	23 December 2020	Relevant National Institutions Responsible for Elderly People and Persons with Disabilities from the OIC Member States	Relevant National Institutions Responsible for Elderly People and Persons with Disabilities from Guinea, Morocco, Turkey and Uganda	Virtual- SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey

	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Beneficiary</b>	<b>Provider/ Partner</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<b>4.</b>	Statistical Training Course on “SDG 3 (Good Health And Well-Being) Indicators”	28-30 December 2020	NSOs of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, the Gambia, and Uzbekistan	NSO of Pakistan	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
<b>5.</b>	Workshop on “Emerging Challenges in TVET Sector and Capacity Development Trends in OIC Member States”	11-14 January 2021	TVET Authorities from Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Côte d’Ivoire, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Indonesia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Senegal, Somalia, Suriname, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, and Turkmenistan	UNESCO-UNEVOC, ILO, Islamic University of Technology (IUT) and SESRIC	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
<b>6.</b>	Training Workshop on “Institutional Capacity Building for Effective Labour Market Information Systems”	01-04 February 2021	Public Employment Agencies/Authorities from Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Cote d’Ivoire, Guinea, Indonesia, Mauritania, Morocco, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, and Turkmenistan	Turkish Employment Agency (İŞKUR)	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
<b>7.</b>	Training Course on “Advancement and Empowerment of Women’s Entrepreneurial Skills”	08-11 March 2021	Relevant Public Service, Labour and Social Protection related Ministries of Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d’Ivoire, and Senegal	National Agency for Employment and Independent Work (ANETI) of Tunisia	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
<b>8.</b>	Webinar on “SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) Indicators”	17 March 2021	NSOs of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Benin, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Jordan, Malaysia, Morocco, Mozambique, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Somalia, Sudan, Suriname, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen	NSOs of Jordan, Malaysia, Palestine, Qatar, Sudan, Turkey, and Yemen	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey

	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Beneficiary</b>	<b>Provider/ Partner</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<b>9.</b>	Training Course on “Development of E-learning Curriculum and Relevant E-materials”	19-22 April 2021	National TVET Authorities of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Benin, Brunei Darussalam, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, The Gambia, Indonesia, Jordan, Lebanon, Mozambique, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Senegal, Suriname, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, and Yemen.	Ministry of Education of Malaysia	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
<b>10.</b>	Training Course on “Designing Revenue-Generating Projects for Entrepreneurs”	24-28 May 2021	Entrepreneurs in Chad	Competent Expert from Jordan	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
<b>11.</b>	Statistical Training Course on “SDG 1 (No Poverty) Indicators”	25-27 May 2021	NSOs of Algeria, Kuwait, Qatar, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, UAE, and Yemen	NSO of Jordan	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
<b>12.</b>	Statistical Training Course on “SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-Being) Indicators”	01-04 June 2021	NSOs of Chad, Djibouti, Gabon, Mali, Morocco, Senegal, and Togo	NSO of Côte d'Ivoire	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
<b>13.</b>	Training Course on “Developing of Occupational Standards, Qualifications and Skills Assessment Materials”	30 June-07 July 2021	TVET Authorities and relevant national institutions of Bangladesh, Benin, Brunei, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea, Guyana, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Palestine, Senegal, Sudan, Suriname, Togo, Tunisia and Yemen	National Training Centre for Training of Trainers and Training Engineering of the Republic of Tunisia	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey

	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Beneficiary</b>	<b>Provider/ Partner</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<b>14.</b>	Training Course on “Labour Supply, Demand and Productivity Statistics”	13-15 September 2021	NSOs of Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Maldives, Pakistan, and Suriname	NSO of Malaysia	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
<b>15.</b>	Training Course on “Social Protection Statistics”	13-17 September 2021	NSOs of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan	NSO of Kazakhstan	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
<b>16.</b>	Training Workshop on “Developing Strategies on Enhancing Public Perception of TVET”	21-23 September 2021	TVET Authorities and relevant national institutions of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Benin, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Suriname, Tunisia, Turkey, Uzbekistan and Yemen	Technical and Vocational Education Training Division of the Ministry of Education Malaysia	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
<b>17.</b>	Training Workshop on “Developing a Successful Employment and Skills Strategy”	28-30 September 2021	Public Employment Services Agencies/ Authorities of Azerbaijan, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Gambia, Indonesia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Morocco, Pakistan, Palestine, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uzbekistan, and Yemen	Turkish Employment Agency (İŞKUR)	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
<b>18.</b>	Training Workshop on “Management of Social Security Systems”	25-27 October 2021	National Social Security Institutions of the OIC member countries	Social Security Institution (SGK) of the Republic of Turkey	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey

- **OIC Women and Development Report 2021:** This report evaluates the state of women in OIC Member Countries from a comparative perspective and identifies key challenges faced by women in social and economic life through using qualitative and quantitative datasets. The report focuses on the progress in the implementation of the OIC Plan of Action on the Advancement of Women (OPAAW) based on the results of the survey conducted by SESRIC during 2019-2020.
- **State of Elderly in OIC Member Countries:** This report provides a comprehensive analysis of the current state of the elderly in OIC countries by looking into the latest available data and information concerning the labour market, healthcare, cultural norms and supportive environment. In addition, the report also provides policy recommendations to address the problems of the elderly with a view to ensuring their full and equal participation in socio-economic life as well as to the development process of their respective countries.
- **People with Disabilities and Special Needs in OIC Countries:** This report investigates the current state of people with disabilities and special needs in OIC countries in six main areas (education, health, economic integration, and governance, enabling a supportive environment, and culture and Islam) by using data from various international sources. The report evaluates major socio-economic and cultural challenges that affect people with disabilities and special needs on a daily basis.
- **Reforming Health Sector in Libya:** SESRIC, within the framework of the BINA Programme and in partnership with Libyan Program for Reintegration and Development (LPRD), completed a research study on “Reforming Health Sector in Libya”, which provides a comprehensive review of existing challenges and offers a number of options on reforming health sector in Libya. The validation meeting for the Research Project, which was virtually organized on 17 March 2021, brought together high-level officials from Libya as well as relevant key international experts to discuss the outcomes and main policy recommendations of the report on “Reforming Health Sector in Libya”.
- **Labour Migration Trends and Policies in OIC Member Countries:** This outlook report investigates the laws and policies pertaining to the management of migrant/foreign contract workers in OIC member countries by looking into the latest available statistics on the labour migration trends and their contribution to the economies of the host countries. The report also charts out proposals on how to improve the laws and policies pertaining to the management of migrant workers in OIC member countries.
- **OICStat Database:** SESRIC is hosting 42 indicators related to poverty alleviation (SDG #1 ‘No Poverty’ indicators) under OICStat Database and are being updated regularly.
- **OIC Statistical Outlook:** SESRIC published an OIC Statistical Outlook on “The Status of Core Health Capacity of OIC Member Countries” in September 2021, which can be accessed through <https://www.sesric.org/files/article/782.pdf>



## 7. DEEPENING FINANCIAL COOPERATION

Since the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC, the following activities were implemented by SESRIC under the agenda item on deepening financial cooperation:

### SESRIC Capacity Building Programmes

	Subject	Date	Beneficiary	Provider/ Partner	Venue
1.	Training Course on “Formulating Monetary Policy”	22-25 February 2021	Central Bank of Iraq, Central Bank of Jordan, Palestine Monetary Authority	Central Bank of Turkey	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
2.	Training Course on “Anti-Competitive Practices and Promotion of Competition”	30 March - 01 April 2021	National Commission for Competition and Consumption (CNCC) of Burkina Faso	Turkish Competition Authority and Competition Council of Tunisia	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
3.	Workshop on “Competition vs. Regulation and the Appropriate Organisational Structure of a Competition Agency”	06-07 April 2021	National Competition Authorities of Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, The Gambia, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Morocco, Pakistan, Qatar, Sudan, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and ECOWAS Regional Competition Authority (ERCA)	Turkish Competition Authority, Competition Commission of Pakistan, Competition Council of Tunisia, Malaysia Competition Commission, National Commission for Competition and Consumption of Burkina Faso, Commission for the Supervision of Business Competition in Indonesia, National Competition Committee of Cameroon, Antimonopoly Committee of Uzbekistan, Competition and Consumer Protection Commission of The Gambia, and Antimonopoly Agency of Kazakhstan	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey

	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Beneficiary</b>	<b>Provider/ Partner</b>	<b>Venue</b>
4.	Training Course on “Financial Education”	24-27 May 2021	Central Banks and relevant Ministries of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Indonesia, Iran, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Mali, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan	Central Bank of Turkey	Virtual- SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
5.	Training Course on “Sukuk Issuance in Islamic Capital Markets”	31 May - 02 June 2021	Securities and Exchange Commissions, Central Banks, Stock Exchanges, Capital Markets Boards, Ministries of Economy and Finance, and other relevant Ministries of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Maldives, Morocco, Sudan, Turkey and Uzbekistan	Securities Commission of Malaysia	Virtual- SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
6.	Training Workshop on “Quality Management in Public Audit”	15-16 June 2021	Relevant Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) of Azerbaijan, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Djibouti, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Maldives, Mauritania, Oman, Palestine, Suriname, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey and Turkmenistan	Turkish Court of Accounts	Virtual- SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey
7.	Webinar on “Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Statistics in OIC Countries”	28 June 2021	NSOs of Afghanistan, Albania, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Morocco, Mozambique, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Suriname, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, UAE, and Uzbekistan	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)	Virtual- SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey

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8.	Statistical Training Course on “Banking, Insurance and Financial Statistics”	17-19 August 2021	NSOs of Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Cameroon, Jordan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Suriname, Togo, and Uzbekistan	NSO of Malaysia	Virtual-SESRIC, Ankara - Turkey

- OIC-COMCEC Central Banks Forum:** This Forum was virtually organised on 29 September 2021 by the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey in its capacity as the Secretariat of the OIC-COMCEC Central Banks Forum. The Director General of SESRIC addressed the Forum as a lead speaker and shared with the participants an overview of the economic and financial outlook of OIC countries amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, mostly with highlights from the forthcoming research report of the Centre titled “OIC Economic Outlook 2021”.
- OICStat Database:** SESRIC is hosting 106 indicators under the Banking, Money and Prices; Government Finance; International Finance; and Islamic Banking and Finance categories of OICStat Database and are being updated regularly.