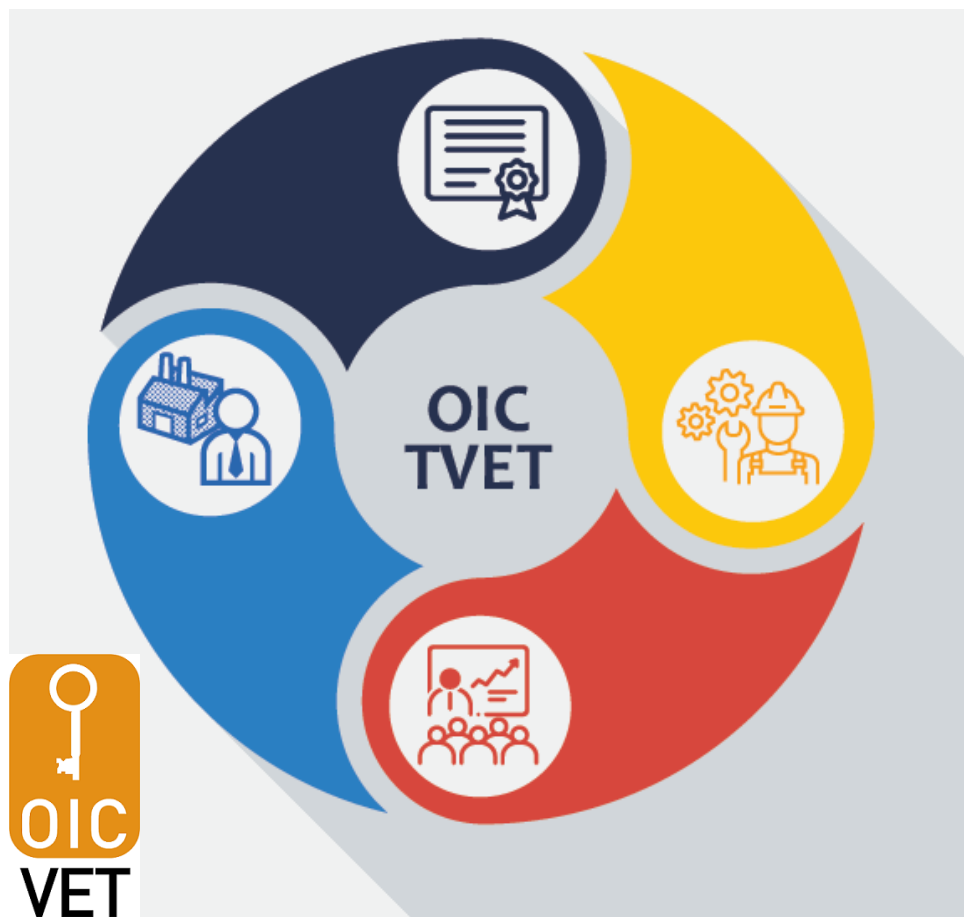


PROGRESS REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

The Vocational Education and Training Programme for the Member States of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC-VET) was launched at the COMCEC Economic Summit held in Istanbul, Türkiye, on 9 November 2009. The Programme aims at supporting and contributing to the efforts of the OIC Member Countries towards addressing the challenges and limitations in the field of technical and vocational education and training (TVET).

Taking into account the importance of TVET in the development of the OIC Member Countries' economies, the Workshop on "Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in the OIC Member Countries: Needs and Capacity Assessment" held in Ankara, Türkiye on 09-11 May 2016, recommended the preparation of a Strategic Roadmap for TVET to improve the quality of TVET programmes in the OIC Member Countries and further synergize and coordinate Intra-OIC efforts by developing innovative, effective and efficient actions for teaching and learning in TVET sector.

In this context, SESRIC and the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) coordinated the preparation of the "OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025" in collaboration with TVET authorities of the OIC Member Countries through four thematic working group meetings and two consecutive workshops organised by SESRIC during the period 2017-2018. The Strategic Roadmap was submitted to the 35th Ministerial Session of the COMCEC, which was held on 25-28 November 2019 in Istanbul, Türkiye, for the consideration of the Member Countries. Accordingly, the Ministerial Session welcomed the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025 and requested SESRIC, in its capacity as the Executing Organ of the OIC-VET Programme, to monitor the implementation of the Roadmap and submit the progress report to the COMCEC Sessions and the Follow-up Committee Meetings.

Subsequently, SESRIC convened the Sixth Meeting of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee (MAC) of the OIC-VET Programme on 19-20 December 2019 in Istanbul, Türkiye, where the National Focal Points of the OIC-VET Programme, as well as representatives of the relevant OIC institutions, attended the meeting. The meeting discussed and agreed on the modalities of the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025, as well as the mechanism of its implementation for the upcoming five years.

Against this backdrop, this progress report provides a summary of the activities undertaken within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme towards the implementation of the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025. The reporting period of implemented activities starts from the 37th Ministerial Session of the COMCEC, which was held on 24-25 November 2021 in Istanbul, Türkiye, until the 38th Meeting of the Follow-up Committee of the COMCEC that will take place on 24-25 May 2022; while reporting period of planned activities commences from the later Follow-up Committee of the COMCEC until the 38th Ministerial Session of the COMCEC.

Conducting capacity building activities through digital platforms was materialised in the Centre shortly after the beginning of the global pandemic of COVID-19. However, considering this

medium's convenience and efficiency during the past two years, the Centre embraced utilising online solutions as a continuing modality in implementing various activities, particularly the ones that do not need hands-on experience. In its capacity as the Executing Organ of the OIC-VET Programme, SESRIC carried out multiple activities within the scope of the programme that fall under the relevant cooperation areas of the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap with a view to supporting and supplementing the efforts of TVET authorities of the OIC Member Countries in improving their existing TVET systems.

In the light of the above, the activities are presented in this report under two main categories: "Implemented Activities" and "Planned Activities" as follows:

A. IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES (November 2021-May 2022)

1. Training of Trainers (ToT) Course on "Business Formation and Entrepreneurship Skills Development"

Within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme and in line with the Cooperation Area 2 of the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025, SESRIC, in collaboration with the Gambia OIC-Secretariat, organised an online Training of Trainers (ToT) Course on "Business Formation and Entrepreneurship Skills Development" on 08-10 November 2021.

The ToT course was provided by a competent expert for the benefit of experts and trainers from the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Institutions and Business Development Institutes in the Gambia.

The main objective of the ToT course was to equip the participating trainers with the skills needed to plan and manage training activities as well as to conduct mentoring sessions for entrepreneurs according to international standards. The ToT course also focused on providing both theoretical and practical aspects of business formation and entrepreneurship to assist TVET trainers in delivering quality education to the Gambian entrepreneurs and helping them overcome the challenges faced in their businesses.

This training course was the first activity out of three identified and agreed upon by SESRIC and the Gambia OIC-Secretariat in line with the "Projects for the Socio-Economic Empowerment of Women and Youth" in The Gambia.

Although this activity was conducted just before the 37th Ministerial Session of the COMCEC in November 2021, it is indicated in this report since it was not reported to the aforementioned Session.

2. Training Course on "Strengthening Institutional Capacity on Vocational Qualifications"

Within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme and in line with the Cooperation Area 3 of the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025, SESRIC, in collaboration with the Qatar National

Committee for Education, Culture and Science, organised an online Training Course on “Strengthening Institutional Capacity on Vocational Qualifications” on 13-15 December 2021.

The training course was provided by competent experts from the College of the North Atlantic-Qatar (CNAQ) for the benefit of experts and executives from the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Authorities and relevant national institutions of 28 OIC Member Countries.

The main objective of the training course was to provide insights into the mechanisms and practices of developing vocational qualifications in order to create and operate a quality-assured national qualifications system in line with labour market demands. The course also focused on the relevant technical subjects such as; building quality assurance capacity for TVET education, the role of higher education institutions in supporting TVET education, building applied research capacity for TVET education, entrepreneurship and innovation for TVET education and experiential learning and 21st-century skills for TVET education.

3. Training Workshop on “Enhancing Collaboration between TVET Institutions and Industry towards Effective Curriculum Development”

Within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme and in line with the Cooperation Area 4 of the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025, SESRIC organised an online Training Workshop on “Enhancing Collaboration between TVET Institutions and Industry towards Effective Curriculum Development” on 21-23 February 2022.

Competent experts from the Technical and Vocational Education Training Division of the Ministry of Education Malaysia provided the training workshop for the benefit of experts and executives from the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Authorities and relevant national institutions of 25 OIC Member Countries.

The main objective of the training workshop was to share knowledge, experiences and best practices in establishing efficient collaboration between TVET institutions and industry with the view of developing an effective curriculum. The training workshop also provided insights into the mechanisms and procedures to develop a well-designed vocational curriculum/programme in line with labour market demands.

4. Training Course on “Tourism and Hospitality Services”

Within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme and in line with the Cooperation Area 2 of the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025, the Centre, in collaboration with the Gambia OIC-Secretariat, organised an online Training Course on “Tourism and Hospitality Services” on 14-16 March 2022.

The training course was provided by a competent expert from the General Directorate of Vocational and Technical Education under the Ministry of National Education of the Republic of Türkiye for the benefit of participants from public and private tourism authorities as well as TVET institutions in the Gambia.

The main objective of the training course was to develop and enhance the technical capacities of the participants in the field of tourism and hospitality services in accordance with the latest global standards, practices and trends. Over the course of three days, the training course also gave insights into various topics, including hotel departments, front office, housekeeping, and food & beverage departments, processes in guest relations, types of hotel rooms, and office works.

This training course is the second activity out of three identified and agreed upon by SESRIC and the Gambia OIC-Secretariat in line with the “Projects for the Socio-Economic Empowerment of Women and Youth” in The Gambia.

5. Training Course on “Promoting Good Governance of TVET for Efficient System Management”

Within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme and in line with the Cooperation Area 1 of the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025, SESRIC, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Culture, Research and Technology of the Republic of Indonesia, organised an online Training Course on “Promoting Good Governance of TVET for Efficient System Management” on 10-12 May 2022.

The training course was provided by competent experts from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Research and Technology of the Republic of Indonesia for the benefit of experts and executives from the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Authorities and relevant national institutions in OIC Member Countries.

The main objective of the training course was to provide insights into developing good governance practices as well as tools for policy development for effective and efficient system management in TVET. The training also facilitated sharing knowledge and experiences for achieving good governance and management in TVET by highlighting the most recent policy trends, challenges, constraints, good practices, and opportunities for improvement.

B. PLANNED ACTIVITIES (June-November 2022)

1. Training of Trainers (ToT) Course on “Web Design and Coding”

Within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme and in line with the Cooperation Area 2 of the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025, SESRIC will organise a Training of Trainers (ToT) Course on “Web Design and Coding” in June 2022 for the benefit of the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Authorities and relevant national institutions of the OIC Member Countries.

The main objective of the ToT is to strengthen the technical capacities of the participants in the most recent and advanced web design and coding techniques.

2. Training Course on “The Development of National Vocational Qualifications Framework”

Within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme and in line with the Cooperation Area 3 of the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025, SESRIC will organise a Training Course on “The Development of National Vocational Qualifications Framework” in July 2022 for the benefit of the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Authorities and relevant national institutions of the OIC Member Countries.

The main objective of the training course is to shed the light on the ways and means of developing an efficient national vocational qualifications framework.

3. Training Workshop on “Distance Education and E-Learning in TVET”

Within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme and in line with the Cooperation Area 4 of the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025, SESRIC will organise a Training Workshop on “Distance Education and E-Learning in TVET” in August 2022 for the benefit of the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Authorities and relevant national institutions of the OIC Member Countries.

The main objective of the training workshop is to facilitate knowledge exchange and the sharing of best practices among the participating member countries on distance education and e-learning in TVET.

4. Training Course on “Strengthening National Legislative and Regulatory Frameworks to Promote Social Inclusion in TVET”

Within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme and in line with the Cooperation Area 1 of the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025, SESRIC will organise a Training Course on “Strengthening National Legislative and Regulatory Frameworks to Promote Social Inclusion in TVET” in September 2022 for the benefit of the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Authorities and relevant national institutions of the OIC Member Countries.

The main objective of the training course is to shed the light on the ways and means of strengthening national legislative and regulatory frameworks to promote social inclusion in TVET.

5. Training of Trainers (ToT) Course on “Graphic Design and Photo Print Techniques”

Within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme and in line with the Cooperation Area 2 of the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025, SESRIC will organise a Training of Trainers (ToT) Course on “Graphic Design and Photo Print Techniques” in October 2022 for the benefit of the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Authorities and relevant national institutions of the OIC Member Countries.

The main objective of the ToT is to strengthen the technical capacities of the participants in the most recent graphic design and photo print techniques.

6. Training Course on “Basic Information Technology (IT) Skills”

Within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme and in line with the Cooperation Area 4 of the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025, SESRIC, in collaboration with the Gambia OIC-Secretariat, will organise a Training Course on “Basic Information Technology (IT) Skills” in November 2022 for the benefit of the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Authorities and relevant national institutions in the Gambia.

The main objective of the training course is to provide the participants with basic Information Technology (IT) skills.

This training course will be the third activity out of three identified and agreed upon by SESRIC and the Gambia OIC-Secretariat in line with the “Projects for the Socio-Economic Empowerment of Women and Youth” in The Gambia.

7. 7th Meeting of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee (MAC) of the OIC-VET Programme

SESRIC will organise the 7th Meeting of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee (MAC) of the OIC-VET Programme in December 2022 with the main aim of monitoring and evaluating the progress achieved so far in the implementation of the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025.