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INTRODUCTION

This report provides a summary of the activities that have been carried out by SMIIC for the implementation of the COMCEC Strategy which is submitted to the 38th Ministerial Session of the Standing Committee for the Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC) of the OIC, which will be held in virtually on the 26-29 November 2022.

The reporting period was characterized by the continuous efforts of the Institute on the implementation of the cooperation areas of COMCEC, especially on the areas of enhancing intra-OIC Trade. The activities of SMIIC are multi-faceted addressing the main pillars of quality infrastructure: standards, metrology and accreditation.

Harmonisation of standards, metrology and accreditation is vital for accelerating the development of Muslim country economies. Its use will promote common understanding throughout all member states. A common standards, metrology and accreditation framework eliminates trade barriers and facilitates trade between the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) member states and the entire world.

SMIIC has continued to work on the development of the much needed common standards in the OIC and has to date published 50 (fifty) OIC/SMIIC Standards, 17 of them on halal issues. 17 (seventeen) Technical Committees and Committee on Standards for Conformity Assessment (CCA) of SMIIC are vigorously working on the development of 57 new Standards which are in the project stage. These standards include the OIC/SMIIC Halal Tourism Standard which was published in December 2019, OIC/SMIIC 17-1:2020 Halal Supply Chain Management System - Part 1: Transportation - General Requirements, OIC/SMIIC 18: 2021 Halal Quality Management System – Requirements and OIC/SMIIC 22, Halal Edible Gelatine- Requirements and Test Methods published in 2021. OIC/SMIIC 37 - Halal Products- Usage of Animal Bone, Skin and Hair- General Guidelines, OIC/SMIIC 47: 2022 Dates for Industrial Purposes and OIC/SMIIC 51:2022 Hygiene and Sanitation Management System – Requirements which have just recently been published.

SMIIC has conducted 9 training programs since November 2021 on the OIC/SMIIC Halal Standards in order to aid the common use of standards within the OIC. SMIIC is conducting a series of trainings focusing on the knowledge and understanding of the OIC/SMIIC standards, requirements and implementation. Simultaneously, the trainings are also focusing on the development of standards. SMIIC project “Promotion of OIC/SMIIC Halal Standards use in the Asian and Arab Region” project with No: 2021-SMIIC-926 has been final listed under the COMCEC Project Funding and completed.

Annually organized, the 7th World Halal Summit (WHS) under the theme of “*New Era & New Normals: Necessity of Halal Production and Consumption*” was held during 25-28 November 2021 at Istanbul Congress Center (ICC), Istanbul/Turkey; simultaneously with the 8th OIC Halal Expo (25-28 November 2021), was organized by Discover Events in association with the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) and the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC) in line with the cooperation framework agreement between the two institutions.

8th OIC Halal Expo was held simultaneously with 7th World Halal Summit providing the unique climate for the exchange of expertise and experience between participants and the group of researchers and experts in all areas related to the definition of halal (e.g. halal food & beverage,

halal cosmetics & personal care, halal tourism & accommodation, Islamic banking & finance, textile & modest fashion etc.).

SMIIC is simultaneously working on capacity building in the metrology area where several training programs are under planning by the SMIIC Metrology Council. The SMIIC Metrology Council completed 26 trainings and seminars since November 2021. Enhancement of Metrology Infrastructure affects the 5 cooperation areas of the COMCEC Strategy namely: Trade, Transport and Communications, Tourism, Agriculture and Poverty Alleviation.

I. SENIOR MANAGEMENT MEETINGS

Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting

23rd Meeting of the SMIIC Board of Directors (BOD) was held successfully on 19 March 2022 in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, with the kind hospitality of the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO).

The meeting was chaired by H.E. Dr. Saad bin Othman AL-KASABI, Chairman of the SMIIC Board of Directors (BOD). The meeting was attended by representatives from 12 Member States of the Board of Directors.

General Secretariat presented its report on the developments and activities conducted since the last Board of Directors meeting and the report was welcomed by the Board of Directors members.

Furthermore, two important Committees (a Permanent and an Ad Hoc Committee) have been established and appointments of membership positions under the Board of Directors as well as the Assistant Secretary General have been successfully completed.

During the meeting, External Auditor Report for 2021 and the Progress Report on Two Year Implementation Plan (2021-2022) of SMIIC Strategic Plan 2021-2030 were submitted and the Chairs of the SMIIC Councils/Committee presented their reports on the latest developments and activities. Also, SMIIC Annual Report 2021 was unanimously approved.

As a result of the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen Elections of SMIIC Board of Directors for 2022-2024:

- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia – Elected as the Chairman of the BOD
- Republic of Turkey – Elected as the Vice-Chairman of the BOD and appointed as the Chair of the Finance Committee
- Republic of Cameroon – Elected as the Vice-Chairman of the BOD and appointed as the Chair of the Strategy Committee
- Islamic Republic of Pakistan – Elected as the Vice-Chairman of the BOD and appointed as the Chair of the Standardization Management Council.

General Assembly (GA) Meeting

The SMIIC General Assembly is a yearly gathering of SMIIC where all our members come together for an annual meeting to discuss and decide on resolutions, reports and projects.

The Sixteenth Meeting of the SMIIC General Assembly (GA) was held on 02 November 2021, in Al-Madinah Al-Munawarah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and hosted by Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO). The meeting was attended by representatives from 29 SMIIC Member States and 2 Observer States as well as the representatives from the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as the new SMIIC Member State, representatives of Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), GCC Standardization Organization (GSO) and International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) as observers.

Some of the highlights of the meeting were that the technical activities of the Institute were reported by the Chairs of the SMIIC Councils and SMIIC/CCA. The General Assembly approved the report of the external financial auditor and the SMIIC Budget 2022 as well as the Annual Mandatory Contribution of SMIIC Member States to 2022 SMIIC Budget. External Auditor for the term 2021-2023 was also appointed at the General Assembly.

During the meeting, an election for the new Board of Directors for the term 2022-2024 took place. The following 13 members of the Board of Directors (BOD) have been directly appointed by the General Assembly for the term 2022-2024:

1. Republic of CAMEROON
2. Arab Republic of EGYPT
3. Islamic Republic of IRAN
4. Republic of IRAQ
5. Hashemite Kingdom of JORDAN
6. MALAYSIA
7. Kingdom of MOROCCO
8. Islamic Republic of PAKISTAN
9. State of PALESTINE
10. Kingdom of SAUDI ARABIA
11. Republic of TUNISIA
12. Republic of TURKEY (*Permanent Member*)
13. UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

H.E. Mr. İhsan ÖVÜT has been re-elected as the Secretary General of SMIIC for the term 2022-2024.

Under the difficult conditions of COVID pandemic, with much effort and precautions taken, the General assembly was a great opportunity for our members to come together for a physical meeting after two years.

It was a very stimulating and fruitful meeting with many important outcomes and decisions taken, and the beginning of a new era with its newly elected officials and constructed organs.

II. STRATEGY ACTIVITIES

General and Implementation of Strategic Plan 2021-2030

SMIIC has worked actively to execute the approved *Implementation Plan of SMIIC Strategic Plan 2021-2030 for the term (2021-2022)* since the early stages of its approval. The necessary steps were taken to plan, commence and complete the strategic initiatives. In this regard, SMIIC has set **20 (twenty) projects** to execute these initiatives in the best way to accomplish the strategic objectives.

While executing the plan, SMIIC General Secretariat has achieved tangible success in the implementation of many activities that contributed significantly to achieving the specific targets of the key performance indicators that were identified to measure the achievement at the level of strategic objectives.

III. TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES OF SMIIC COUNCILS

A. Standardization Management Council (SMC)

Standardization Management Council (SMC), as a professional structure for building the future activities of the technical committees and following-up their performance on ongoing standards projects.

During the last year, SMC has continued building up the future activities of the technical committees and following-up their performance on ongoing standards projects.

The Fourth Meeting of the SMIIC SMC was held in Al-Madinah Al-Munawarah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 31 October 2021 and the SASO hosted the meeting.

As major outputs with regards to the SMC technical work in 2021 and 2022:

- The Chairs of the TC 1, TC 2, TC 3, TC 5 and TC 14 have been appointed;
- TC 12 is dissolved and all of its activities have been transferred to TC 7.
- The approval of TC Chairs TC 16 – Halal Pharmaceuticals and TC 17 – Handicraft chairs
- Reallocation of the secretariat of TC 2 – Halal Cosmetics Issues to Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

As per the BOD Resolution 20/2021, the following Member States are elected as the Members of the members of SMIIC Standardization Management Council for the 2022-2024 term:

1. Republic of CAMEROON
2. Arab Republic of EGYPT
3. Hashemite Kingdom of JORDAN
4. MALAYSIA
5. Islamic Republic of PAKISTAN (Chair)
6. Kingdom of SAUDI ARABIA
7. Republic of TUNISIA
8. Republic of TURKEY
9. United Arab EMIRATES

Following the election of the vice-chairs of SMIIC Board of Directors for the term 2022-2024 during the 23rd Meeting of the BOD held on 19 March 2022 in Riyadh – Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Islamic Republic of Pakistan as one of the elected vice chairs, is assigned as the Chair of the Standardization Management Council (SMC) for the same term.

B. Technical Committees (TC)

OIC/SMIIC standards and other technical projects are under the responsibility of the Technical Committees (TCs) for the development and systematic management of these technical works.

SMIIC has continued to work on the development of the much needed common standards in the OIC and has to date published 50 (fifty) OIC/SMIIC Standards, 17 of them on halal issues. The 16 (sixteen) Technical Committees and Committee on Standards for Conformity Assessment (CCA) of SMIIC are vigorously working on the development of more than 37 new Standards which are in the project stage.

SMIIC Virtual Technical Committee Week 10 started with participation of experts from all SMIIC Member States on 27th September 2021 with Opening Session. Technical Committees held their meetings between 27th September – 08 December 2021.

As a custom in order to facilitate technical committee work SMIIC annually organizes 2 Technical Committee weeks. During 17-21 October 2022, the 11th TC Week in which all TCs held their meetings. This was the first TC week held in hybrid form for the last 3 years. 425 experts attending from 24 Member States. More than 25 new project proposals which have been added to the 37 different standards projects that are ongoing in the committees.

Technical Committees and SMIIC/CCA with the help TC Weeks had a productive period since November 2021 in terms of preparing new standards, as a result. TCs have worked on 42 different projects and 12 (twelve) of them are in Draft Standard (DS).

Following are some of the OIC/SMIIC standards published/under publication developed by the relevant SMIIC Technical Committees since November 2021:

- OIC/SMIIC 18: 2021 Halal Quality Management System – Requirements - Published
- OIC/SMIIC 22: 2021, Halal Edible Gelatine- Requirements and Test Methods – Published
- OIC/SMIIC 27: 2022 - Woven Carpets used for Masjids – Under Publication
- OIC/SMIIC 37: 2022 - Halal Products- Usage of Animal Bone, Skin and Hair- General Guidelines
- OIC/SMIIC 47: 2022 – Dates for Industrial Purposes
- OIC/SMIIC 51:2022 – Hygiene and Sanitation Management System – Requirements

SMIIC is the only competent body of the OIC to develop standards according to the needs of the region and OIC/SMIIC halal standards are the only standards developed in the world ensuring the participation and contribution of various OIC member states and International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) which consequently results in having the most reliable and professional halal standards to use globally.

The Technical Committee 5 – Tourism and Related Services Under the COMCEC Strategy Cooperation area of Tourism, is currently working on the development of the:

1. OIC/SMIIC 8 Halal Tourism – Spa Services Standard
2. Adventure tourism - Safety management systems - Requirements

C. Metrology Council (MC)

Metrology Council (MC) acts as SMIIC's operational organ for cooperation between national metrology authorities from Islamic Countries. This cooperation involves activities in the field of scientific, legal and industrial metrology. MC is also involved in conducting necessary activities for supporting development of quality infrastructure; realization, maintenance and dissemination of measurement standards in physical quantities and metrology in chemistry; implementation of quality management systems, knowledge transfer, research and development in this area in Member Countries.

In the field of Metrology, the SMIIC Metrology Council has been working actively to aid in the capacity building of the SMIIC Member States. The 10th Meeting of the SMIIC Metrology Council (MC) was held on the 16 May 2022 and hosted by the SMIIC General Secretariat and TÜBİTAK UME, the institute holding the chairmanship of the SMIIC MC. The Meeting was attended by 45 representatives from a total of 20 Members. Assistant Prof. Mustafa ÇETİNTAŞ was re-elected as the Chairman of SMIIC MC and Dr. Zijad DZEMIC was re-elected as Vice-Chairman of SMIIC MC for the 2022-2024 term (for the dates 01.01.2022-31.12.2024) to be submitted to the approval of SMIIC Board of Directors.

11th Meeting of the SMIIC Metrology Council was held on the 28-29 November 2022 in Almaty, Kazakhstan. During the meeting the Metrology Council discussed the latest development and to proceed with Interlaboratory Comparison work, the new project on draft project on Research and Development and the developments of the Excellence Metrology Center for Islamic Countries (EMCIC) draft project.

The Metrology Council completed its Metrology Council Annual Working Plan 2021-2023 and put it into action on the 23 March 2021.

The MC 2021-2023 Working Plan includes training and capacity building trainings on:

- a) Scientific Metrology Training (11 trainings)
- b) Legal Metrology Training (3 trainings)
- c) Training Related to Halal Activities (7 trainings)
- d) Calibration Trainings (8 trainings)
- e) Proficiency Testing Training (3 trainings)
- f) Joint Work, Consultancy, R&D and Workshops (11 programs)

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the planned training activities had been started to be conducted online by the host national metrology institutes. The training requirements were planned to be covered by the volunteer members.

Following table shows the trainings that were coordinated by TÜBİTAK UME as the NMI holding the SMIIC MC Chairmanship and SMIIC General Secretariat since November 2021:

Training	NMI	Date
1. Training in Introduction to Classical Statistics	IMBiH-Institute of Metrology of Bosnia and Herzegovina	08 November 2021
2. Training in Introduction to Evaluation of Measurement Uncertainty	IMBiH-Institute of Metrology of Bosnia and Herzegovina	10 November 2021
3. Training in General Metrology, Fundamentals of Measurement, Calibration and Validation	IMBiH-Institute of Metrology of Bosnia and Herzegovina	15-16 November 2021
4. Training in General Concepts of Mass Metrology	SASO National Metrology and Calibration Center	17 November 2021
5. Training in General Concepts of Hardness Metrology	SASO National Metrology and Calibration Center	23 November 2021
6. Training in Pressure Metrology	SASO National Metrology and Calibration Center	24 November 2021
7. Training on Technical Requirements for Proficiency Testing Provider	TUBITAK UME-National Metrology Institute of Turkey	22- 23 December 2021
8. Workshop on Uncertainty Calculation of Mass Determination	TUBITAK UME-National Metrology Institute of Turkey	27 December 2021
9. Workshop on Calibration of Analog and Digital Pressure Gauges	TUBITAK UME-National Metrology Institute of Turkey	28 December 2021
10. Workshop on Uncertainty Calculation of Force Measurement Device	TUBITAK UME-National Metrology Institute of Turkey	28 December 2021
11. Seminar on Joint Projects Related to the Future Pandemics and Sensor Technologies	TUBITAK UME-National Metrology Institute of Turkey	14 April 2022
12. Seminar on the Transition of Member States at the 2nd and 3rd Categories to Upper One	TUBITAK UME-National Metrology Institute of Turkey	21 April 2022
13. Seminar on Joint Projects Related to the Future Pandemics and Sensor Technologies	TUBITAK UME-National Metrology Institute of Turkey	14 April 2022
14. Seminar on the Transition of Member States at the 2nd and	TUBITAK UME-National Metrology	21 April 2022

3rd Categories to Upper One	Institute of Turkey	
15. Seminar on General Information on Interlaboratory Comparisons (ILCs)	TUBITAK UME-National Metrology Institute of Turkey	28 April 2022
16. Training on Principles and Applications of RF and Microwave Measurements	SASO National Metrology and Calibration Center	09 May 2022
17. Training on Production of Reference Materials According to ISO 17034 Standard	TUBITAK UME-National Metrology Institute of Turkey	18 May 2022
18. Training in Calibration of Non destructive Measurement Devices (Thickness Gauges)	TUBITAK UME-National Metrology Institute of Turkey	23 May 2022
19. Training in Traceability of Time and Practical Applications for Calibration of Quartz Oscillator	SASO National Metrology and Calibration Center	25 May 2022
20. Training in Calibration of Vibrometer	TUBITAK UME-National Metrology Institute of Turkey	21 July 2022
21. Training on Calibration of Radiation Thermometers by Comparison Method and Black Body	SASO National Metrology and Calibration Center	25 July 2022
22. MC Training in Interlaboratory Comparisons in Physical Metrology (Preliminary Meeting)	National Standardization Agency of Indonesia (BSN)	11 August 2022
23. Training on Calibration of Thermometers by Comparison Method	SASO National Metrology and Calibration Center	15 August 2022
24. SMIC MC Training on Uncertainty Interpolations in the ITS-90 Ranges/sub-ranges from Argon Triple Point to Silver Freezing Point	National Standardization Agency of Indonesia (BSN)	14 September 2022
25. Training on Nucleic Acid Based Measurement Methods for Determination of Pork Products in Food, Pharmaceuticals and Cosmetics.	TUBITAK UME-National Metrology Institute	19 September 2022
26. Calibration of Hygrometers by Comparison Method	SASO National Metrology and Calibration Center	21 September 2022

Due to the pandemic conditions the training will be continuing to be conducted online. Enhancement of Metrology Infrastructure affects the 5 cooperation areas of the COMCEC Strategy namely: Trade, Transport and Communications, Tourism, Agriculture and Poverty Alleviation.

D. Accreditation Council (AC)

Accreditation Council (AC) is the organ carrying out activities aimed at the establishment of an accreditation scheme in the OIC Member States. AC is responsible for supporting actions for establishing a sound accreditation system OIC-wide and raise awareness of accreditation concept within the Member States. AC shall be responsible for implementing OIC/SMIIC accreditation standards and performing peer assessment.

The SMIIC Board of Directors approved Terms of Reference (ToR) of SMIIC AC in 2019 and this has accelerated the long-expected halal accreditation process to be operational. SMIIC AC after completing its internal documents, started studying the proposal to seek for possible consensus on OIC Global Halal Quality Infrastructure and it was discussed and approved in the 3rd meeting of Management of the SMIIC Accreditation Council (MAC). Then a Task Force Group (TFG) was established to prepare a document which will include the rules and procedures for the governance and administration of the structure and incorporate the said proposal on the basis of the necessary principles. In total, 2 Task Force Group meetings were held in order to draw the framework of OIC Global Halal Quality Infrastructure (OHAQ) and members put forth great efforts in finding the right structure for all the OIC region. The OIC Global Halal Quality Infrastructure will be a system with a well-designed structure from which all member states could get benefit and also OHAQ is expected to assist member states in setting up proper national quality infrastructure system along with enhancing the existing ones.

During the 22nd SMIIC Board of Directors on 01 November 2021 in Al-Madinah Al-Munawarah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 12 Members of the Management of SMIIC AC for 2022-2024 term were also elected.

The Fourth Meeting of the Management of SMIIC AC was held on 20 June 2022 in İstanbul, Republic of Türkiye. As an output of the meeting the following were achieved:

1. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of SMIIC AC for the 2022-2024 term

As per Accreditation Council Resolution 03/2022; The Management of SMIIC Accreditation Council has elected unanimously Eng. Lana Marashdeh, Director of Jordan Accreditation and Standardization Systems – Accreditation Unit (JAS-AU) of Jordan as the Chair of SMIIC AC, and has elected unanimously Mr. Zafer Soylu, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Halal Accreditation Agency (HAK) of Türkiye as the Vice-Chair of SMIIC AC, both ending on 31 December 2024 and to be submitted to the final approval of the SMIIC Board of Directors.

2. Task Force Group was established and held on the 1st TFG Meeting on 31 October-01 November in İstanbul.

Following the approval of the OIC Global Halal Quality Infrastructure and Informative Note documents with Board of Directors Resolution 03/2021 of the 21st SMIIC Board of Directors Meeting, the MAC members discussed the activation of OIC Global Halal Quality Infrastructure and decided to establish a Task Force Group (TFG) with the composition of Cameroon, Egypt, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Türkiye (Chair of TFG) and the secretariat of TFG provided by General Secretariat. The TFG main task is to study the possible designated structure proposals through correspondences and/or physical/online meetings and to

submit the outcomes of the study to General Secretariat within three months in writing to be submitted to the next MAC Meeting.

3. Discussions on SMIIC AC Work Plan for the 2022-2024 term

A draft SMIIC AC Work Plan was prepared by SMIIC AC Chair and then discussed during and the MAC fourth meeting. It was agreed that the Task Force Group (TFG) will work on and further improve the draft SMIIC AC Work Plan and submit to General Secretariat within three months in writing to be submitted to the next MAC Meeting.

4. The Importance of Training of Peer Assessors

The MAC members agreed on the need to qualify peer assessors; therefore, the General Secretariat will organize a training program in hybrid format in coordination with any of the interested SMIIC AC Members for qualifying peer assessors in the upcoming term to be provided in all official languages of the OIC, in addition to organizing training programs for auditors/assessors on OIC/SMIIC standards.

5. Activation of SMIIC AC Website

The MAC members requested the General Secretariat to activate SMIIC AC website according to the Clause 13.3.1 of Terms of Reference of SMIIC AC. For time being, the relevant part of the SMIIC website (<https://www.smiic.org/en/smiic-ac>) contains basic information on SMIIC AC. Consequently, a particular website for the SMIIC AC and its activities will be built by the SMIIC General Secretariat. MAC members were informed that the IT department of General Secretariat has initiated the process of back-end development of the website and MAC members were further asked to provide feedback and suggestions on the content of the website.

IV. OTHER ACTIVITIES

A. Trainings: Improving Capacities

As General Secretariat, with the aim of increasing number of our members and published standards and by benefiting from the virtual event concept, a special focus was given to conducting trainings during the last year. In this context, a training calendar has been prepared and monthly trainings were given. Some of these trainings are:

1. Regional Training Workshop in Tunis

Regional Training Workshop took place on halal concept standards, certification and marketing of halal products.

The event was co-organized by SMIIC and the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) in Tunis on 22-24 November 2021 and was attended by different stakeholders in the field of halal food safety from the University and Ministry of Agriculture and the Tunisian Institute for Agronomy.

2. OIC/SMIIC 1 :2019 General Requirements for Halal Food- Foundation Training in Arabic

SMIIC conducted the OIC/SMIIC 1 Halal Foundation Training in Arabic on 24-27 January 2022 virtually.

43 participants from Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Qatar, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen attended the training. The training was the first of a series of training courses that will be held by the SMIIC General Secretariat in 2022.

The training aimed to give the foundation knowledge regarding halal food, the halal industry, requirements and implementation of the OIC/SMIIC 1:2019 General Requirements for Halal Food.

The training program included:

- Introduction to SMIICs Structure and SMIIC Organs
- OIC/SMIIC Standards on Halal Issues
- Requirements and Implementation of the OIC/SMIIC 1:2019 General Requirements for Halal Food
- Evaluation Test

3. OIC SMIIC 1 and 2 Foundation Training for KazStandard Staff

SMIIC General Secretariat organized a three-day training for the staff of Kazakhstan Institute Standardization and Metrology (KazStandard) on 07-09 February 2022 virtually and the training was conducted in English with Russian interpretation.

Upon the request of the KazStandard, SMIIC General Secretariat organized a training program in English with Russian interpretation for the staff of Kazakhstan Institute Standardization and Metrology (KazStandard) on OIC SMIIC 1 and 2 foundation training based on OIC SMIIC1:2019 General Requirements for Halal Food and OIC SMIIC2:2019 Conformity Assessment – Requirements for Bodies Providing Halal Certification.

The training was very productive and SMIIC General Secretariat will continue to support our members wherever necessary.

4. OIC/SMIIC 4:2018 Halal Cosmetics – General Requirements foundation Training in English

SMIIC conducted the OIC/SMIIC 4:2018 Halal Cosmetics Foundation Training in English on the 23-24 February 2022 virtually. 92 participants from SMIIC member states attended the training which is the first in the Halal Cosmetics sector and was the second of a series of training courses which will be held by the SMIIC General Secretariat in 2022.

The training aimed to give the foundation knowledge regarding Halal Cosmetics, the Halal cosmetics industry, requirements and implementation of the OIC/SMIIC 4:2018 General Requirements for Halal Cosmetics.

The training program included:

5. General requirements of OIC/SMIIC 4:2018

6. Labelling and Packing Requirements of OIC SMIIC 4:2018
7. GMP Guidelines of Cosmetics
8. Evaluation Test

5. Visit of ATNOR and the training in French on "Standardization and Quality Infrastructure" for ATNOR Staff

H.E. Dr. Haoua Brahim DJABAYE - DG of The Chadian Standardization Agency (ATNOR) and Her Accompanying Delegate paid a courtesy visit to SMIIC Headquarters and a three-day training on Standardization and Quality Infrastructure addressed to ATNOR was held on 02-04 March 2022 at SMIIC Headquarters.

6. OIC/SMIIC 1 Halal Foundation Training in English on the 23-26 May 2022 was held virtually by SMIIC

7. OIC/SMIIC Halal Foundation Training for Africa Region organized by SMIIC, ASN and ICDT on 15-16 June 2022 in Dakar, Senegal.

8. OIC/SMIIC 24:2020 General Requirements for Food Additives and Other Added Chemicals to Halal Food, Foundation Training in English on the 16-18 August 2022 was held virtually.

9. "OIC/SMIIC Halal Products Standards and Testing" training course was held between 22-26 August 2022 in Uganda, which was organized by SMIIC in collaboration with COMSTECH Secretariat and Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU) with an aim to encourage the harmonization of halal standards used in the OIC Member States and internationally by aiding in the adoption and use of the OIC/SMIIC halal standards. The training course was designed to train the participants from Africa LDC-OIC Member States regarding the procedures for adoption, implementation and use of the OIC/SMIIC halal food standards.

B. World Halal Summit and OIC Halal Expo

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The Summit was crafted to offer an extensive program of inspiring keynote addresses, interactive panel sessions featuring halal sector pioneers and other stakeholders, who covered the major challenges and opportunities in the halal industry as well as scientific presentations and seminars.

A three-day program addressed a variety of topics related to halal, where speakers provided strategic viewpoints on halal research by sharing outputs of their experiments and the latest innovations in the global halal industry. The Summit was complemented with the four-day long 8th OIC Halal Expo and start-up events which were simultaneously organized in the same venue. Furthermore, 7th World Halal Summit under the theme of “*New Era & New Normals: Necessity of Halal Production and Consumption*” brought academics, researchers, stakeholders, businesspersons together with policy-makers, pioneers of the halal industry and prominent speakers under one roof.

The World Halal Summit hosted 67 speakers from 16 different countries. Speakers presented their original works under 10 different session titles. The Summit was followed with great interest by 31,067 people from 96 different countries.

The 8th OIC Halal Expo covered an exhibition area of 13,347 square meters, with 354 stands from both national (163) and international (191) exhibitors from 36 different countries. The 8th OIC Halal Expo which is held annually was visited by 31,067 visitors for 4 days during 24-28 November 2021 in Istanbul, Turkey. The Expo as a prestigious OIC event with the extra efforts and support of SMIIC, has been drawing more and more exhibitors and visitors every year.

World Halal Summit(WHS) 2022 and 9th OIC Halal Expo will be held on 24-26 November 2022 in Istanbul Expo Center (IFM), under auspices of the Presidency of the Republic of Turkiye. The World Halal Summit(WHS) 2022 has the theme of: “For Sustainable Trade: Explore All Aspects of the Growing Global Halal Industry”. The event is organized by Discover Events in association with the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) and the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC).

C. COMCEC Project Funding - 2021-SMIIC-926 Project

SMIIC conducted 2 training program on the OIC/SMIIC Halal Standards which was final listed to be funded by the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC) of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation(OIC under project the “*Promotion of OIC/SMIIC Halal Standards use in the Asian and Arab Region*” project with No: 2021-SMIIC-926.

The objective of the training program was to encourage the harmonization of Halal Standards used in the OIC and internationally by aiding in the adoption and use of the OIC/SMIIC Halal Standards. The program aims to inform representatives from SMIIC/OIC Member States.

The project aimed to increase the awareness of SMIIC activities and OIC/SMIIC Standards; to give the necessary know-how in the requirements of the Halal Quality infrastructure, the process of building this infrastructure in a Member State and the Halal auditing methodology according to OIC/SMIIC Standards. These trainings will aid in the use of the OIC/SMIIC Standards as common standards and hence to decrease the technical barriers to trade in the OIC region.

The project included 2 trainings: each training was 3 days, one training in Kazakhstan for the Asian countries and the other training, online for the Arab speaking SMIIC countries. The trainings included content regarding SMIIC, Halal market, Halal Food, OIC/SMIIC Standards development, adoption and use of the standards was given on the first day. During the second

and third day specific foundation knowledge was given on the use of OIC/SMIIC 1:2019 General Requirements for Halal Food, followed by an evaluation test and survey.

The trainees received a Certificate after fulfilling the necessary requirements of the training.

The OIC SMIIC 1 Halal auditor training for Arab region was held between 10-12 October 2022 Virtually, by the SMIIC General Secretariat and participated by 38 delegates from Algeria, United Arab of Emirates, Iraq, Jordan, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Sudan and Tunisia.

The OIC SMIIC 1 Halal Auditor training For Central Asian region was held between 27-29 October 2022 Almaty, Kazakhstan and participated by 24 delegates from, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Russian Federation.