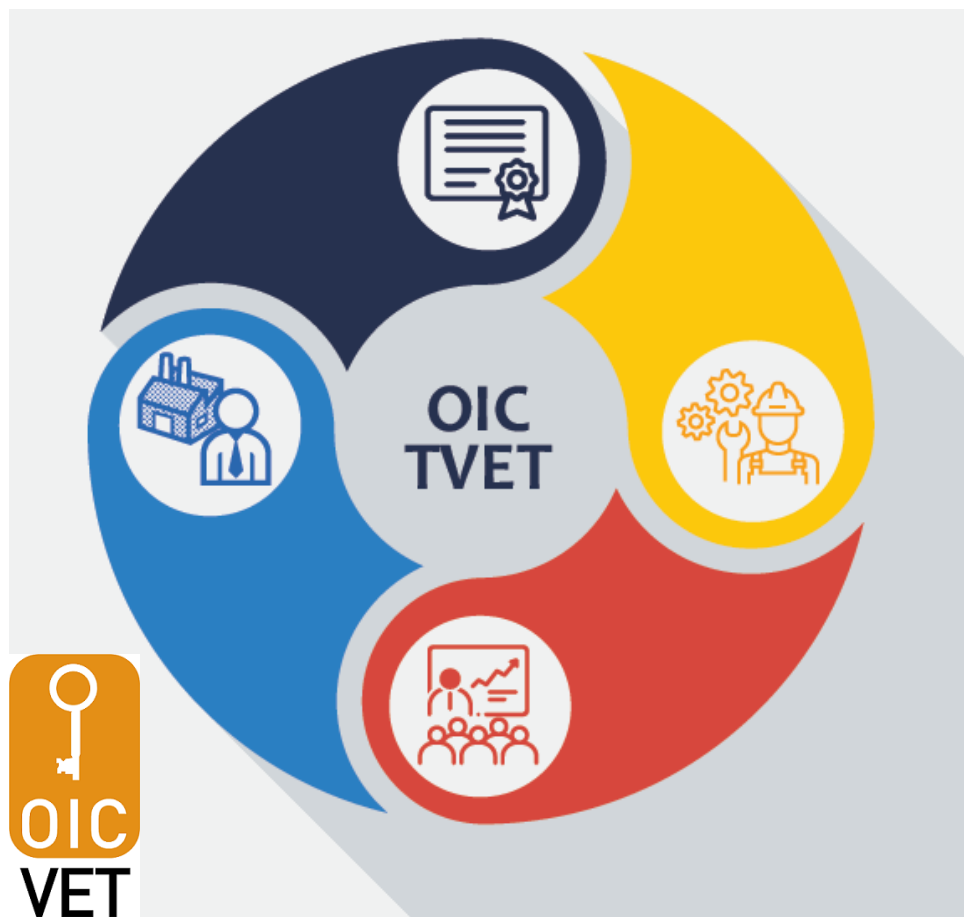


PROGRESS REPORT

Towards the Implementation of The OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025



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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 organized 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. Moreover, attendees established a robust mechanism to guide the roadmap's implementation throughout the forthcoming five-year period.

Against this backdrop, this progress report provides an overview of the activities carried out 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 38th Ministerial Session of the COMCEC, which was held on 26-29 November 2022 in Istanbul, Türkiye, until the 39th Meeting of the Follow-up Committee of the COMCEC that will take place on 23-24 May 2023 in Ankara, Türkiye. Meanwhile, the reporting period for planned activities begins with the aforementioned Follow-up Committee of the COMCEC and extends until the 39th Ministerial Session of the COMCEC.

Following the onset of the global COVID-19 pandemic, the Centre rapidly transitioned to utilizing digital platforms for its capacity-building activities. The evident convenience and efficiency of this approach over the past three years have led the Centre to adopt online solutions as a sustainable method for implementing various activities, particularly those that do not require hands-on experience.

As the executing organ of the OIC-VET Programme, SESRIC has carried out numerous activities within the scope of the programme, aligned with the relevant cooperation areas of the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap. These efforts aim to support and complement the initiatives of TVET authorities in OIC Member Countries, working towards enhancing their existing TVET systems.

In light of the above, the implemented and planned activities during the period under consideration are as follows:

A. IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES (November 2022-May 2023)

1. 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, in collaboration with the General Directorate of Vocational and Technical Education under the Ministry of National Education of the Republic of Türkiye, organized an online Training of Trainers (ToT) Course on “Graphic Design and Photo Print Techniques” on 13-15 December 2022.

The ToT course was provided by a competent expert from the General Directorate of Vocational and Technical Education of the Republic of Türkiye for the benefit of trainers and professionals from the TVET Authorities and relevant national institutions in 24 OIC Member Countries.

The main objective of the ToT course was to enhance the skills and capacity of trainers in the OIC Member Countries in graphic design and photo printing techniques, which would contribute to reinforcing vocational students’ knowledge with modern practices. The training course also provided insights into the fundamentals of visual art and design, tools and applications used in the design process, photography and photo editing and the basics of digital printing.

2. Training Workshop on “Promoting Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship in OIC Africa French-Speaking Member Countries”

Within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme and in line with the Cooperation Areas 1 and 2 of the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025, SESRIC organised an online Training Workshop on “Promoting Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship in OIC Africa French-Speaking Member Countries” on 14-16 March 2023.

The training workshop was provided by competent experts from the National Agency for Employment and Independent Work (ANETI) of the Republic of Tunisia for the benefit of experts

and executives from the TVET Authorities and relevant national institutions of 12 OIC African French-Speaking Member Countries.

The main objective of the training workshop was to share knowledge, experiences and good practices in promoting youth innovation and entrepreneurial learning to equip TVET graduates as modern employees and innovative future entrepreneurs. The training workshop provided insights into the technical and practical aspects of entrepreneurship education as well as teaching methods and approaches in TVET by focusing on the importance of building entrepreneurial knowledge, skills and mindset in TVET learners.

3. Training of Trainers (ToT) Programme on “Entrepreneurship Skills Development” for the benefit of OIC African French-Speaking Member Countries

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 UNDP Istanbul International Center for Private Sector in Development (IICPSD) and HP Foundation, organised an online Training of Trainers (ToT) Programme on “Entrepreneurship Skills Development” on 08-19 May 2023.

The ToT Programme was provided by competent experts for the benefit of TVET teachers and trainers from the TVET Institutions in the OIC African French Speaking Member Countries.

The main objective of the ToT was to equip TVET teachers and trainers with the most recent globally recognized tools and methods to transfer the acquired knowledge and skills through the HP LIFE programme to their relevant organizations/students. The ToT Programme provided insights into the technical and practical aspects of entrepreneurship and leadership education, including various topics such as business concepts, HP LIFE training techniques, practical simulations, monitoring and evaluation, coaching techniques, outreach strategy, and leadership/soft skills techniques.

B. PLANNED ACTIVITIES (June-December 2023)

1. Training Course on “Methods of Setting up Small-scale Income-generating Projects”

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 Regional Educational Center of the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) in Chad, will organise an online Training Course on “Methods of Setting up Small-scale Income-generating Projects” on 20-22 June 2023 for the benefit of the TVET Authorities and relevant national institutions of the Republic of Chad.

The training course aims to equip TVET teachers, trainers, and entrepreneurs with the necessary skills and knowledge to develop sustainable small-scale businesses. Through this comprehensive training course, participants will learn how to conduct market research, identify opportunities,

design and implement effective business plans, and leverage natural resources and labour market needs to maximize the potential of their business ventures.

2. Training Course on “Adopting Legislative and Regulatory Framework towards 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 an online Training Course on “Adopting Legislative and Regulatory Framework towards Social Inclusion in TVET” in June 2023 for the benefit of the TVET Authorities and relevant national institutions in the OIC Member Countries.

The main objective of the training course is to strengthen the technical capacities of the participants in the legislative and regulatory framework towards social inclusion in TVET. The course will cover topics such as the development and implementation of inclusive policies, addressing the needs of diverse learners, including those with disabilities, women, and other disadvantaged groups, and promoting equity and accessibility in TVET. Additionally, the course will discuss strategies for fostering partnerships among TVET institutions, industry, and other stakeholders to support social inclusion, as well as the monitoring and evaluation of social inclusion initiatives in TVET systems. By the end of the training course, participants will be equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively promote social inclusion in their respective TVET systems, contributing to a more inclusive and sustainable development in their countries.

3. Workshop on “Digitalization of TVET: Challenges and Opportunities for the OIC Member Countries”

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 an online Workshop on “Digitalization of TVET: Challenges and Opportunities for the OIC Member Countries” in July 2023 for the benefit of the TVET Authorities and relevant national institutions in the OIC Member Countries.

The main objective of the workshop is to discuss the challenges and opportunities of digitalization in TVET for OIC Member Countries. It also aims to identify best practices and strategies for digitalization in TVET, as well as to develop a potential roadmap for digital transformation in the sector. The workshop will delve into topics such as e-learning platforms, innovative teaching methodologies, digital skills development, and the role of technology in enhancing accessibility and inclusivity in TVET.

4. Webinar on “Mechanisms for Licensing and Accrediting TVET Institutions”

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 Webinar on “Mechanisms for

Licensing and Accrediting TVET Institutions” in July 2023 for the benefit of the TVET Authorities and relevant national institutions in the OIC African French-Speaking Member Countries.

The main objective of the webinar is to raise awareness on the mechanisms for licensing and accrediting TVET Institutions in the OIC Member Countries. The event will feature presentations and discussions by eminent panelists from the OIC African French-Speaking Member Countries and relevant international organizations. Topics will include quality assurance, international standards and benchmarks, the role of accreditation bodies, and strategies for continuous improvement in TVET institutions.

5. Training Workshop on “Fostering Entrepreneurial Activities and Startup Ecosystems in the OIC Member Countries”

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 an online Training Workshop on “Fostering Entrepreneurial Activities and Startup Ecosystems in the OIC Member Countries” in August 2023 for the benefit of the TVET Authorities and relevant national institutions of the OIC Member Countries.

The main objective of the training workshop is to strengthen the technical capacities of the participants in fostering entrepreneurial activities and startup ecosystems in the OIC Member Countries. The workshop will cover various aspects of entrepreneurship development, including the role of government policies, the significance of innovation and technology, the importance of mentorship and networking, and the provision of financial and non-financial support for startups.

6. Training Course on “Setting Up a Supportive Policy Framework to Promote Youth and Women Entrepreneurship”

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 an online Training Course on “Setting Up a Supportive Policy Framework to Promote Youth and Women Entrepreneurship” in September 2023 for the benefit of the TVET Authorities and relevant national institutions of the OIC Member Countries.

The main objective of the training course is to equip participants with the knowledge and skills required to set up supportive policy frameworks that promote youth and women entrepreneurship. The course will discuss the barriers faced by these groups, strategies for overcoming the challenges, and the role of TVET in fostering entrepreneurial skills among youth and women. Additionally, the course will highlight the importance of creating an enabling environment for youth and women entrepreneurs, including access to finance, mentorship, and markets.

7. Training of Trainers (ToT) Course on “Cyber Security”

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 OIC-CERT, will

organise an online Training of Trainers (ToT) Course on “Cyber Security” in October 2023 for the benefit of TVET teachers and trainers from TVET Authorities and relevant national institutions in the OIC Member Countries.

The main objective of the ToT is to provide TVET teachers and trainers with the knowledge and skills required to teach cybersecurity concepts, principles, and practices to their students. The course will cover various aspects of cybersecurity, such as threat identification, risk assessment, mitigation strategies, and incident response. Participants will also learn about emerging trends and challenges in the field, as well as the ethical and legal considerations surrounding cybersecurity.

8. Training of Trainers (ToT) Course on “Furniture and Interior Design”

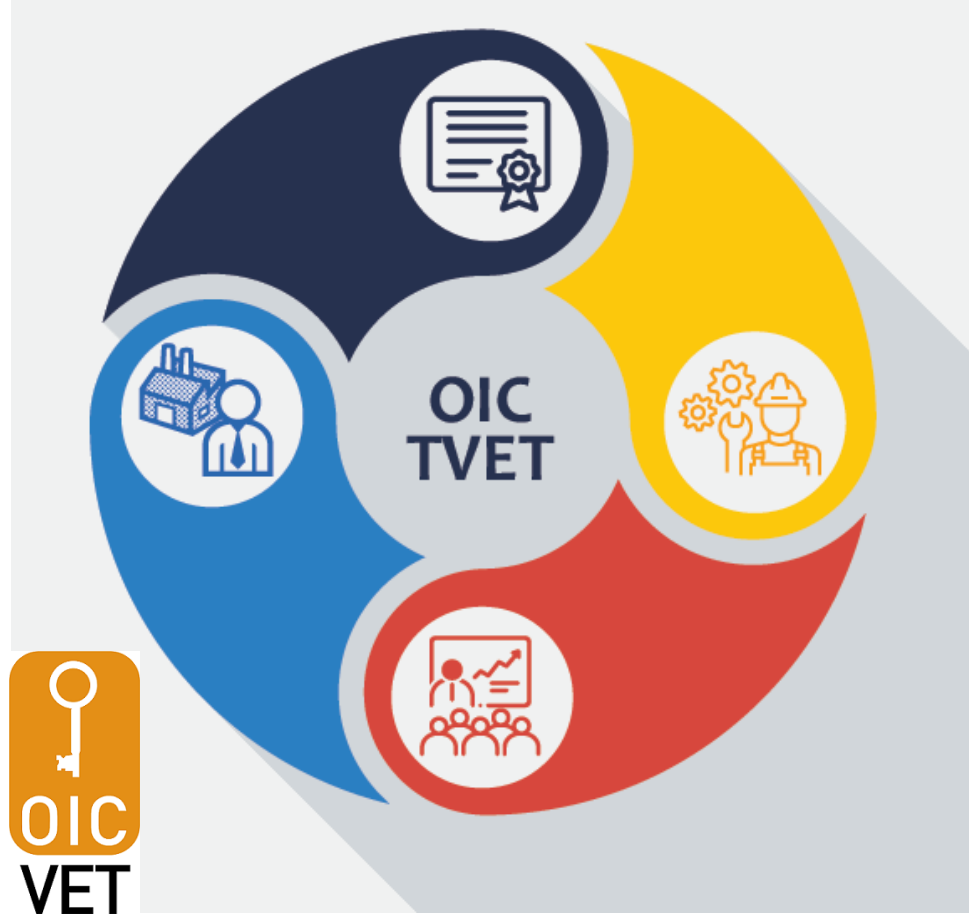
Within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme and in line with the Cooperation Area 2 of the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025, SESRIC will organise an online Training of Trainers (ToT) Course on “Furniture and Interior Design” in November 2023 for the benefit of TVET teachers and trainers from the TVET Authorities and relevant national institutions in the OIC Member Countries.

The main objective of the ToT is to strengthen the technical capacities of the trainers in the most recent and advanced furniture and interior design techniques. The course will cover topics such as design principles, material selection, sustainability, and the integration of technology in furniture and interior design. Participants will also explore innovative approaches to design, trends in the industry, and the role of TVET in preparing students for careers in this field.

9. 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 November 2023 with the participation of the National Focal Points (NFPs) of the OIC-VET Programme, and relevant OIC Institutions.

The main objective of the meeting is to review the progress and achievements made under the OIC-VET Programme, assess the effectiveness of implemented activities, and discuss future plans and strategies. The meeting will bring together representatives of the NFPs of the OIC-VET Programme and relevant OIC Institutions to share experiences, best practices, and lessons learned, fostering cooperation and collaboration among the OIC Member Countries. Additionally, the meeting will provide a platform for exploring new partnerships and initiatives, as well as identifying opportunities for capacity-building and technical assistance within the context of the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025.



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