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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 organized by SESRIC during the period 2017-2018. The Strategic Roadmap was submitted to the 35th 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 38th Session of the COMCEC, which was held on 26-29 November 2022 in Istanbul, Türkiye, until the 39th Session of the COMCEC that will take place on 2-5 December 2023 in Istanbul, Türkiye.

Conducting capacity building activities through digital platforms was materialized in the Centre shortly after the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, given the proven convenience and efficiency of this modality, the Centre embraced utilizing online solutions to implement 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 implemented activities during the period under consideration are as follows:

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 132 trainers and professionals from the TVET Authorities and relevant national institutions of 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 of 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 organized 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 80 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”

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 UNDP Istanbul International Centre for Private Sector in Development (IICPSD) and HP Foundation, organized an online Training of Trainers (ToT) Programme on “Entrepreneurship Skills Development” on 8-19 May 2023.

The ToT Programme, which consisted of two consecutive courses, was provided by a competent expert for the benefit of 50 TVET teachers and managers from TVET Institutions of 11 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.

4. 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, organized an online Training Course on “Methods of Setting up Small-scale Income-generating Projects” on 20-22 June 2023.

The training course was provided by a competent academician for the benefit of 37 TVET teachers and trainers as well as entrepreneurs in Chad.

The training course aimed to equip TVET teachers, trainers, and entrepreneurs with the necessary skills and knowledge to develop sustainable small-scale businesses. The training course provided insights into various topics, including 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.

5. 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, in collaboration with the Vocational Training Corporation (VTC) of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, organized an online Training Course on “Adopting Legislative and Regulatory Framework towards Social Inclusion in TVET” on 5-6 July 2023.

The training course was provided by competent experts from the VTC of Jordan for the benefit of 104 experts and executives from the TVET Authorities and relevant national institutions of 25 OIC Member Countries.

The main objective of the training course was to strengthen the technical capacities of the participants in the legislative and regulatory framework towards social inclusion in TVET. The course covered 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, 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, were also discussed during the course.

6. 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 organized an online Workshop on “Digitalization of TVET: Challenges and Opportunities for the OIC Member Countries” on 18-19 July 2023.

Competent speakers from various national, OIC, and international institutions delivered insights into challenges hindering digitalization, especially within the TVET sector, and shared successful practices from their respective organizations. The workshop was attended by 135 experts and executives from the TVET Authorities and relevant national institutions of 22 OIC Member Countries.

The main objective of the workshop was to discuss the challenges and opportunities of digitalization in TVET for OIC Member Countries. It also aimed 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 covered topics such as e-learning platforms, innovative teaching methodologies, digital skills development, and the role of technology in enhancing accessibility and inclusivity in TVET.

7. 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 4 of the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025, SESRIC, in collaboration with the Ministry of National Education and the Ministry of Industry and Technology of the Republic of Türkiye and the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of the Republic of Türkiye, conducted an online Training Workshop on “Fostering Entrepreneurial Activities and Startup Ecosystems in the OIC Member Countries” on 22-23 August 2023.

Competent speakers from the partner institutions shared their vast expertise with 74 experts and executives from the TVET Authorities and relevant national institutions of 19 OIC Member

Countries. This training workshop also provided a sound platform for the exchange of knowledge and experience among the participants from the relevant institutions of the member countries.

The main objective of the training workshop was to strengthen the technical capacities of the participants in fostering entrepreneurial activities and startup ecosystems in the OIC Member Countries. The workshop covered 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.

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

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 organized a Webinar on “Mechanisms for Licensing and Accrediting TVET Institutions” on 30 October 2023 for the benefit of the TVET Authorities and relevant national institutions in the OIC African French-Speaking Member Countries.

Competent speakers from various national institutions delivered presentations highlighting the mechanisms for licensing and accrediting TVET Institutions, as well as the good practices and initiatives carried out by their institutions. The workshop brought together experts and executives from the TVET Authorities and relevant national institutions of 11 OIC African French-Speaking Member Countries.

The main objective of the webinar was to raise awareness of the mechanisms for licensing and accrediting TVET Institutions in the OIC Member Countries. The webinar covered various topics, including quality assurance, international standards and benchmarks, the role of accreditation bodies, and strategies for continuous improvement in TVET institutions.

9. Training Workshop on “Integrating Formal and Informal TVET Education in OIC-Africa French-Speaking Member Countries”

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 ICESCO and UNESCO-UNEVOC, organized an online Training Workshop on “Integrating Formal and Informal TVET Education in OIC-Africa French-Speaking Member Countries” on 28-29 November 2023.

Competent speakers from various national institutions, SESRIC, ICESCO and UNESCO-UNEVOC delivered presentations highlighting the integration of formal and informal TVET Education in OIC-African French-Speaking Member Countries, as well as the good practices and initiatives carried out by their institutions. The workshop brought together experts and executives from the TVET Authorities and relevant national institutions of 12 OIC African French-Speaking Member Countries.



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