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INTRODUCTION

The Vocational Education and Training Programme for the Member Countries of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC-VET) was launched at the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organisation of the Islamic Cooperation (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).

Considering the crucial role of TVET in the economic development of OIC member countries, 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 development of a Strategic Roadmap for TVET. This roadmap aims to enhance the quality of TVET programmes in OIC member countries while promoting synergy and coordination of intra-OIC efforts by fostering innovative, effective and efficient approaches to teaching and learning in the TVET sector.

In this context, SESRIC and the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (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 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 spans from the 40th Session of the COMCEC, held on 2-5 November 2024 in Istanbul-Türkiye to the 41st Session of the COMCEC scheduled to take place on 1-4 November 2025 in Istanbul-Türkiye.

In its capacity as the Executing Organ of the OIC-VET Programme, SESRIC carried out multiple activities within the scope of the programme, aligning with the cooperation areas outlined in the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap. These efforts were aimed at supporting and enhancing the initiatives of TVET authorities in OIC member countries to improve their existing TVET systems. In the light of the above, the implemented activities during the period under consideration are as follows:

1. Training Course on “Fostering the Utilisation of the Digital Technologies for a Better Employment and Skill Development”

SESRIC, in collaboration with the National Agency for Promotion of Employment and Skills (ANAPEC) of the Kingdom of Morocco, organised a Training Course on “Fostering the Utilisation of the Digital Technologies for a Better Employment and Skill Development” on 11-12 November 2024 through an online video conferencing platform. The training was provided by experts from ANAPEC for the benefit of 55 experts and executives from relevant ministries and national institutions in 11 French-speaking OIC countries. The objective of this training course was to provide a comprehensive understanding of how digital tools and platforms can be leveraged to improve job prospects, increase employability, and support continuous professional growth. Participants gained insights into the latest digital tools and techniques in their field, and learnt how to integrate these tools into their work to achieve better results.

2. Workshop on ‘Strengthening TVET Strategies to Increase Youth Employment in OIC Member Countries’

SESRIC organised a Workshop on “Strengthening TVET Strategies to Increase Youth Employment in OIC Member Countries” on 19-20 November 2024 at its headquarters in Ankara, Türkiye. The event was organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Education of Malaysia and the Ministry of National Education of the Republic of Türkiye as part of the SESRIC Project on “Empowering Youth through Enhancing Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET): A Pathway to Employment and Success,” funded by the COMCEC under the 11th Call for Project Proposals. The workshop brought together 21 participants from national TVET institutions in 11 OIC countries, along with representatives from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the COMCEC Coordination Office (CCO). It aimed to share experiences, highlight best practices, and provide a deeper understanding of various TVET strategies to help policymakers and practitioners in OIC countries develop and implement effective TVET strategies to increase youth employment.

3. Training Course on “Designing and Implementing National Vocational Qualifications Framework for TVET Institutions”

Within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme and in line with the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025, SESRIC, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education of Malaysia, organised a virtual Training Course on “Designing and Implementing National Vocational Qualifications Framework for TVET Institutions” on 27-28 November 2024.

This training course was provided by competent experts from the Technical Vocational Education and Training Division of the Ministry of Education of Malaysia for the benefit of 29 participants from 12 OIC countries.

The main objective of the training course was to provide participants with the necessary knowledge and skills to develop and implement a national vocational qualifications framework within TVET institutions. This included understanding the principles of qualification

frameworks, designing competency-based qualifications, and establishing quality assurance mechanisms for TVET programmes. The course also aimed to enhance the capacity of TVET experts in member countries to improve the relevance, quality, and effectiveness of vocational education and training.

4. Webinar on “Encouraging Green Skills for Youth towards Sustainable Development”

Within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme and in line with the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025, SESRIC, in collaboration with the Ministry of National Education of Türkiye, the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF), and the Malaysian Green Technology and Climate Change Corporation, organised a Webinar on “Encouraging Green Skills for Youth towards Sustainable Development” on 13 March 2025.

The event brought together 87 experts, executives, and researchers from 25 OIC countries to reassess the importance of green skills, explore current challenges, and highlight good practices within member countries. It primarily facilitated discussions on strategies for integrating green skills into education and training systems, contributing to a more sustainable future.

5. Project titled “Developing an Effective Roadmap for Facilitating Digital Transition in National VET Systems in OIC Member Countries”

Within the framework of the 12th Call for Project Proposals of COMCEC Project Funding, SESRIC implemented a project in 2025 titled “Developing an Effective Roadmap for Facilitating Digital Transition in National VET Systems in OIC Member Countries”. As part of this project, the following online working group meeting and on-site workshop were conducted:

✓ Online Working Group Meeting on “Facilitating Digital Transition of National VET Systems in OIC Countries”:

SESRIC organised an online Online Working Group Meeting on 19-20 August 2025, attended by 37 participants from 11 TVET-related ministries and institutions of OIC countries. Participants explored the current needs, capacities, and strategic priorities to advance the digital transformation of their vocational education and training systems.

They also identified challenges and opportunities in digitalisation, promoted the integration of technology to enhance the quality, accessibility, and efficiency of VET programmes, and improved the employability of graduates through the adoption of innovative digital tools and skills. A key outcome of this collaborative effort was the development of a draft roadmap to guide member countries in their digital transition.

✓ **Workshop on “Developing Roadmap for Vocational Education and Training Systems Across OIC Member Countries”:**

The Centre organised this workshop on 24-25 September 2025 in Baku, Azerbaijan. The workshop brought together senior representatives from TVET authorities and relevant national institutions of 11 OIC countries.

The workshop focused on the digital transformation of VET systems across OIC countries. It discussed and refined the draft roadmap developed during the online Working Group Meeting on “Facilitating Digital Transition of National VET Systems in OIC Countries.” This strategic document will provide OIC countries with crucial guidance to integrate digital technologies, thereby improving the quality, accessibility, and relevance of their VET programme.

6. SESRIC Hosted OIC-VET Consultative Meetings

SESRIC, in its capacity as the Executing Organ of the OIC-VET Programme, hosted a series of OIC-VET Consultative Meetings through an online video conferencing platform. The first OIC-VET Consultative Meeting was conducted in French on 25 August 2025. The second OIC-VET Consultative Meeting was conducted in Arabic on 15 October 2025. These meetings were attended by senior representatives from TVET Authorities and relevant national institutions in French-speaking and Arab-speaking OIC member countries.

The Meetings explored the challenges and opportunities in the TVET sector in order to identify the key directions that will shape the new strategic roadmap of the OIC-VET Programme. The meeting discussed and evaluated the current organisational structure of OIC-VET with the aim of enhancing the effectiveness and impact of the Programme.

The third OIC-VET Consultative Meeting will be conducted in English on 4 November 2025.



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