

**VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING
PROGRAMME FOR OIC MEMBER COUNTRIES
(OIC-VET)**

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The present progress report on Vocational Education and Training Programme for OIC Member Countries (OIC-VET) provides a summary of the activities which have been undertaken within the framework of the implementation of the Programme. In particular, the report focuses on the training programmes and activities which have been implemented since the Twenty Eight Session of the COMCEC which was held in İstanbul, Republic of Turkey on 08-11 October 2012.

I. BACKGROUND

The Vocational Education and Training Programme for the Member Countries of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC-VET) is a programme originally designed and developed by the Statistical Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) in order to improve the quality of vocational education and training in the public and private sectors with the aim of supporting and enhancing the opportunities for individuals in the Member Countries to develop their knowledge and skills and thus to contribute to the development and competitiveness of the economies and to facilitate the sharing of knowledge between OIC Member Countries.

The 24th Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul on 20-24 October 2008 approved the proposed implementation mechanism of Vocational Education and Training Programme for the OIC Member Countries (OIC-VET) prepared by the SESRIC and called upon the member states to incorporate their vocational training programs into the OIC-VET Programme, thereby, generating a common OIC platform for the benefits of the OIC Member Countries in this area.

Official Launch of the Vocational Education and Training Programme for OIC Member Countries (OIC-VET) was made by H.E. Abdullah Gül, President of the Republic of Turkey and Chairman of the COMCEC, at the COMCEC Economic Summit held in Istanbul, Turkey on 9 November 2009 with the participation of the heads of states and governments of the OIC Member Countries.

The First Operational Meeting of the Programme was held with the concerned OIC institutions in the area of VET in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in April 2009 to discuss monitoring and operational aspects of the OIC-VET Programme where the participating OIC institutions showed strong support for the OIC-VET Programme. Furthermore, the First Meeting of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee (MAC) of the OIC-VET held in Izmir, Turkey, in May 2009 marked the formal process imbedded in the substantive dialogues through cooperation in initiating the OIC-VET Programme.

Within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme, three implemented Pilot Projects have turned into fully-fledged sub-programmes, namely OIC International Internship Programme (OIC-ISIP), ISMEK Master Trainer Programme (IMTP) and the OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network (OIC-OSHNET). A number of new capacity building programmes have been also initiated by SESRIC within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme, namely Competition Authorities Capacity Building Programme (CA-CaB), Treasury Capacity Building Programme (T-CaB) and OIC Postal Services Capacity Building Programme (OIC-PSCaB).

SESRIC has been assuming the role of Executing OIC Organ with the lead responsibility for the proper implementation and management of the Programme in conformity with the decisions taken by the Monitoring and Advisory Committee, as well as bearing overall responsibility for the supervision and coordination of the National Focal Points.

II. NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS (NFPs) OF THE OIC-VET PROGRAMME

The OIC-VET Programme has currently 34 National Focal Points (NFPs) designated by the relevant national authorities of the OIC member countries in order to properly implement the programme at national level and sustain communication with SESRIC, the Executing Organ of the Programme. SESRIC have been undertaking necessary communications with the OIC Member Countries that have not designated their National Focal Points for the Programme through their respective national authorities, and requested them to designate their National Focal Points and to provide the Centre with their communications details, in order to represent their respective countries at the meetings of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee (MAC) of the OIC-VET Programme. As a result, the number of NFPs has increased steadily over time and currently the Programme has 34 NFPs in the following Member Countries:

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| 1. Afghanistan | 13. Iran | 25. Saudi Arabia |
| 2. Azerbaijan | 14. Iraq | 26. Senegal |
| 3. Bahrain | 15. Jordan | 27. Sierra Leone |
| 4. Bangladesh | 16. Malaysia | 28. Sudan |
| 5. Brunei Darussalam | 17. Maldives | 29. Syria |
| 6. Cameroon | 18. Mauritania | 30. Togo |
| 7. Comoros | 19. Morocco | 31. Tunisia |
| 8. Gabon | 20. Niger | 32. Turkey |
| 9. Gambia | 21. Nigeria | 33. United Arab Emirates |
| 10. Guinea | 22. Oman | 34. Yemen |
| 11. Guinea Bissau | 23. Pakistan | |
| 12. Indonesia | 24. Qatar | |

III. COMPLETED ACTIVITIES

A. THE 4TH MEETING OF THE MONITORING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MAC) OF THE OIC-VET PROGRAMME

The 4th Meeting of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee (MAC) of the OIC-VET Programme was held on 26-28 November 2012 in Yaoundé, Republic of Cameroon. The meeting was hosted by the Ministry of Employment and Professional and Technical Training (MINEFOP) of Cameroon and was attended by the delegations of the National Focal Points (NFPs) of 18 OIC Member States. The representatives of the concerned OIC institutions, namely IDB, ICYEN, IUT and SESRIC, and OIC-VET partners, namely ISMEK, ISGUM, MUSIAD, TOBB and ISKUR were also presented in the meeting. The participants reviewed the progress since the 3rd Meeting of MAC and discussed ways and means of collaboration within the scope of the on-going and planned projects under the framework of OIC-VET Programme. They adopted a number of decisions and recommendations for the coming period until the next MAC Meeting. The Meeting also agreed on possible areas and projects promoted by the NFPs of the Programme for consideration and implementation.

B. OIC CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMMES (CBP)

During the period under consideration, the following training courses were organized by the Centre under the following various capacity building sub-programmes as follows:

1. Statistical Capacity Building Programme (StatCaB)

i. Training Course on 'Metadata Preparation and Management' in United Arab Emirates

The Centre organised a training course on “Metadata Preparation and Management” at the National Bureau of Statistics, United Arab Emirates on 9-11 September 2013. The course was provided by Ms. Nalan Eviren, an expert from the Turkish Statistical Institute with the participation of relevant staff members of National Bureau of Statistics, United Arab Emirates. The training course on “Metadata Preparation and Management” aimed to introduce metadata management approaches and tools as well as share the TurkStat experience within this context.

ii. Training Course on ‘Census Survey Design and Sampling Techniques’ in Yemen

The Centre organised a training course on “Census Survey Design and Sampling Techniques” at the Central Statistical Organization in Sana'a, Yemen on 4-6 September 2013. The course was provided by Mr. Arif Cheema, an expert from the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics.

iii. Training Course on ‘Transport and Communication Statistics’ in Cameroon

The Centre organised a training course on “Transport and Communication Statistics” at the Institut National de la Statistique in Yaoundé, Cameroon on 26-28 August 2013. The course

was provided by Mr. Bouazza Bouchkhar, an expert from the Direction de la Statistique, Morocco.

iv. Training Course on 'Consumer Price Index (CPI)' in Indonesia

The Centre organized a training course on “Consumer Price Index (CPI)” at the Statistics Indonesia, on 13-15 August 2013. The course was provided by Mr. Cem Baş, an expert from the Turkish Statistical Institute and was attended by 50 staff members of the Statistics Indonesia. The training course on “Consumer Price Index (CPI)” aimed to introduce theoretical background of Consumer Price Index computation and share the TurkStat experience in this respect.

v. Training Course on 'External Trade Statistics' in Kuwait

The Centre organised training course on “External Trade Statistics” at the Central Statistical Office (CSO), Kuwait on 6-8 January 2013. The course was provided by Mr. Bülent Tungal, an expert from the Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat), and was attended by 15 staff members of the Central Statistical Office (CSO), Kuwait.

vi. Training Course on 'Income and Consumption' in Qatar

The Centre organised training course on “Income and Consumption” at the Qatar Statistics Authority (QSA), on 19-20 December 2012. The course was provided by Ms. Fidaa Abtli, an expert from the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) and was attended by relevant staff members of the Qatar Statistics Authority (QSA).

vii. Training Course on 'Quarterly National Accounts' in Maldives

The Centre organised training course on “Quarterly National Accounts” at the Department of National Planning, Maldives, on 26-28 November 2012. The course was provided by Ms. Siti Asiah Ahmad an expert from the Department of Statistics, Malaysia and was attended by relevant staff members of the Department of National Planning, Maldives.

viii. Training Course on 'Short-term Business Statistics' in Maldives

The Centre organized a training course on “Short-term Business Statistics” at the Department of National Planning, Maldives, on 19-20 November 2012. The course was provided by Mr. Abd. Latib Talib, an expert from the Department of Statistics (DOS) Malaysia, and was attended by the related staff members of the Department of National Planning, Maldives. The training course on “Short-term Business Statistics” mainly focused on Business Cycle Indicators (BCI) including how to select indicators for BCI and how to construct BCI.

ix. Workshop on 'Conducting and Analysing Labour Force Surveys for Monitoring of the Labour Market for the Arab Countries'

The Workshop on “Conducting and Analysing Labour Force Surveys for Monitoring of the Labour Market for the Arab Countries” was held on 18-22 November 2012 in Amman, Jordan. The workshop was co-organised with the Arab Institute for Training and Research

in Statistics (AITRS) in collaboration with the International Labour Organisation (ILO), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA) and Department of Statistics (DOS) Jordan. The workshop attended by 17 participants representing 11 Arab states; namely Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Mauritania, Morocco, Sultanate of Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Sudan, Tunisia and Yemen. Major aim of the workshop was to enhance the capabilities of the institutions, including National Statistical Offices and other line organisations in the area of using household surveys to produce reliable information on labour force characteristics for the use of policy makers.

x. Training Course on 'Price Statistics and Indices' in Afghanistan

The Centre organised training course on “Price Statistics and Indices” at the Central Statistics Organization (CSO) Afghanistan, on 18-21 November 2012. The course was provided by Ms. Sa'adiyah Ahmad, an expert from the Department of Statistics, Malaysia and was attended by the relevant staff members of the Central Statistics Organization Afghanistan.

xi. Training Course on 'Business Registers' in Sudan

The Centre organized a training course on “Business Registers” at Khartoum, Sudan on 12-14 November 2012. The course was provided by Mr. Hassen Arouri, an expert from the Tunisian National Institute of Statistics (INS) and was attended by 35 staff members from the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) of Sudan.

xii. Training Course on 'Price Statistics and Indices' in Oman

The Centre organised training course on “Price Statistics and Indices” at the Ministry of National Economy Oman, on 12-14 November 2012. The course was provided by Mr. Cem Baş, an expert from the Turkish Statistical Institute and was attended by 20 staff members of Ministry of National Economy Oman.

xiii. Training Course on 'Short-term Business Statistics' in Pakistan

The Centre organised training course on "Short-term Business Statistics" at the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS), on 5-7 November 2012. The course was provided by Mr. Abd. Latib Talib, an expert from the Department of Statistics (DOS) Malaysia, and was attended by the related staff members of the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS). The training course on “Short-term Business Statistics” mainly focused on Business Cycle Indicators (BCI) including how to select indicators for BCI and how to construct BCI.

xiv. Training Course on 'Labour Force Statistics' in Afghanistan

The Centre organised training course on “Labour Force Statistics” at the Central Statistics Organization (CSO) Afghanistan, on 22-24 October 2012. The course was provided by Ms. Saidah Hashim, an expert from the Department of Statistics (DOS) Malaysia, and was attended by the related staff members of the Central Statistics Organization (CSO) Afghanistan.

xv. Training Course on 'Supply-Use and Input-Output Tables' in Malaysia

The Centre organised training course on “Supply - Use and Input-Output Tables” at the Department of Statistics (DOS) Malaysia, on 17-19 October 2012. The course was provided by Mr. Mehmet Kula, an expert from the Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat), and was attended by 37 staff members of the Department of Statistics (DOS) and other agencies.

2. OIC Agriculture Capacity Building Programme (OIC-AgriCaB)

i. Training Course on 'Agronomy: Crop Management' in Mozambique

The Centre organised training on "Agronomy: Crop Management" at the Mozambique Institute for Cotton in Maputo, Mozambique, on 14-16 January 2013. The course was provided by Dr Said Abd El-Tawab Farag Hamoda, an expert from Agricultural Research Centre in Egypt, and was attended by agronomists, researchers and technicians from public and private sector.

ii. Training Course on 'Agronomy: Soil Tillage' in Uganda

The Centre organised training on "Agronomy: Soil Tillage" at the Cotton Development Organisation (CDO) in Kampala, Uganda, on 15-17 January 2013. The course was provided by Prof Sheikh El Din Abdel Gadir El-Awad, an expert from Agricultural Research Corporation (ARC) in Sudan, and was attended by 18 scientists dealing with cotton production of the CDO of Uganda.

iii. Training Course on 'Agronomy: Crop Rotation' in Mozambique

The Centre organised training on "Agronomy: Crop Rotation" at the Mozambique Institute for Cotton in Maputo, Mozambique, on 17-18 January 2013. The course was provided by Dr Said Abd El-Tawab Farag Hamoda, an expert from Agricultural Research Centre in Egypt, and was attended by agronomists, researchers and technicians from public and private sector.

iv. Training Course on 'Crop Cultivation: Cultivation of Arable Crops' in Sudan

The Centre organised training on "Crop Cultivation: Cultivation of Arable Crops" at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation of Republic of the Sudan, on 29-31 January 2013. The course was provided by Dr Abbas Ajeel Mohammed, an expert from Ministry of Agriculture of Iraq, and was attended by approximately 25 scientists, farmers, and officers.

v. Workshop on 'Current Status and Future Perspectives of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries' in Somalia

The Centre organised, in collaboration with Aegean International Federation of Health (ESAFED) and Turkish Cooperation and Development Agency (TIKA), a workshop on “Current Status and Future Perspectives of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries in Somalia” on 2-4 February 2013 in Mogadishu, Federal Republic of Somalia. The workshop aimed to draw attention to the food production process in Somalia, raise awareness on the related subject through training as well as providing the infrastructure for training, and support the

lecturers and students of the Veterinary and Agriculture Faculties through knowledge sharing. The seminars of the workshop were delivered by nine selected academicians from various universities of Turkey and attended by H.E. Mr Abdirisak Mohamed Omar, Minister, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ambassadors and 84 people including lecturers and students of Agriculture and Veterinary Faculties of Somalia, veterinaries and representatives of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs).

vi. Training Course on 'Land Management: Soil Analysis and Mapping' in Lebanon

The Centre organised training on "Land Management: Soil Analysis and Mapping" at Lebanese Ministry of Agriculture, on 4-6 February 2013. The course was provided by Ms Fatinah Rashid Abdulteef, an expert from Ministry of Agriculture of Iraq, and was attended by Mohamad Abou Daher, Head of Agriculture Education and Training Department of Lebanese Ministry of Agriculture, scientists, agriculturists, and officers.

vii. Training Course on 'Agricultural Extension Experts in OIC Member States' in Turkey

The Centre in cooperation with the General Secretariat of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and Islamic Development Bank (IDB), organised a "Training Programme for Agricultural Extension Experts in OIC Member States" on 21-23 May 2013 in Izmir, Republic of Turkey. Delegates of 18 OIC Member Countries and representatives of international and private organisations, including the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and SÜTAS Corporation, attended the training programme. Representatives of the OIC Member Countries presented their country reports in the context of agricultural extension. The training programme also included theoretical and technical discussions on the latest developments in agricultural extension and site visits to Izmir Provincial Directorate, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Turkey and Agricultural Extension and In-Service Training Centre (TAYEM) in Aydın, Republic of Turkey.

viii. Training Course on 'Breeding and Improving Wheat Plants to Increase the Productivity' in Qatar

The Centre organised a training programme on "Breeding and Improving Wheat Plants to Increase the Productivity" in Qatar on 4-6 June 2013, within the framework of OIC Agriculture Capacity Building Programme (OIC-AgriCaB). The Course was provided by Dr. Emin Dönmez, Head Of Breeding Department, Central Research Institute for Field Crops, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Turkey with participation of relevant scientists and agronomists of Ministry of Environment of Qatar.

ix. Training Course on 'Livestock Management: Breeding Cattle Raising and Improvement' in Brunei

SESRIC organised a training course on "Livestock Management: Breeding Cattle Raising and Improvement" in Brunei on 26-27 June 2013, within the framework of OIC Agriculture Capacity Building Programme (OIC-AgriCaB). The Course was provided by Dr. Sema Yaman, Head of Feeds and Animal Nutrition Division, Livestock Central Research Institute,

Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Turkey with participation of relevant scientists and agronomists of Department of Agriculture & Agrifood Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources of Brunei.

3. OIC Cotton Training Programme (OIC-CTP)

i. Training Course on 'Plant Protection: Diseases and Insects' in Pakistan

SESRIC organised a training course on "Plant Protection: Diseases" at the Cotton Research Institute, Ayub Agricultural Research Institute, Faisalabad, Pakistan, on 9-11 July 2013. The Course was provided by Dr Kamel Abd-Elsalam, a Molecular Plant Pathologist from the Plant Pathology Research Institute, Agricultural Research Centre, Egypt and were attended by 30 agricultural protectionists and scientists dealing with cotton production at the Ayub Agricultural Research Institute. Within the context of the programme, Pakistani scientists also received in-the-field practical training.

ii. Training Course on 'Quality Improvement: Seed Quality and Preparation' in Pakistan

SESRIC organised a training course on "Quality Improvement: Seed Quality and Preparation" at the Central Cotton Research Institute, Multan, Pakistan, under OIC Cotton Training Programme (OIC-CTP) on 28-30 July 2013. The Course was provided by Dr. Feride Oncan Sümer, Researcher at Cotton Research Station, Department of Fiber and Seed Technology, Nazilli, Turkey with the participation of researchers and trainers of the Central Cotton Research Institute of Pakistan. Within the context of the training programme, Pakistani researchers received in-the-field practical training.

4. Environment Capacity Building (Environment-CaB) Programme

i. Training Course on 'Water Resources Management' in Azerbaijan

The Centre organised training on "Water Resources Management" at the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan, on 6-7 February 2013. The course was provided by Ms. Saliha Değirmencioglu, an expert from Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs of the Republic of Turkey, and was attended by approximately 25 participants from different organisations such as Azersu and Melioration and Water Economy Joint-Stock Companies (JSCs).

5. Capacity Building Programme for Central Banks (CB-CaB)

i. Training Course on "Macroeconomic Modelling" in Kazakhstan

The Centre organised a training programme on "Macroeconomic Modelling" at the National Bank of Kazakhstan on 21-22 November 2012, within the framework of OIC Central Banks Capacity Building Programme. The Course was provided by Mr. Hüseyin Akkoyun, expert of the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey, and attended by relevant members of the National Bank of Kazakhstan.

ii. Training Course on 'Inflation Targeting' at the Central Bank of Republic of Azerbaijan

The Centre organised a training programme on "Inflation Targeting" at the Central Bank of Republic of Azerbaijan on 19-21 December 2012, within the framework of OIC Central Banks Capacity Building Programme. The Course was provided by Ms. Neslihan Kaya, expert of the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey with participation of relevant members of Central Bank of Republic of Azerbaijan.

iii. Training Course on 'Risk Management in Islamic Banking' at the Central Bank of Republic of Turkey

The Centre organised a training programme on "Risk Management in Islamic Banking" at the Central Bank of Republic of Turkey on 3-5 June 2013, within the framework of OIC Central Banks Capacity Building Programme. The Course was provided by Mr. Rifki Ismal, expert of the Bank Indonesia with participation of relevant experts of Central Bank of Republic of Turkey.

iv. Training Course on 'Financial Stability' at the Central Bank of Republic of Azerbaijan

The Centre organised a training programme on "Financial Stability" at the Central Bank of Republic of Azerbaijan on 19-21 June 2013, within the framework of OIC Central Banks Capacity Building Programme (OIC-CB-CaB). The Course was provided by Mr. Mehmet Onay, expert of the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey with participation of relevant members of Central Bank of Republic of Azerbaijan.

v. Training Course on 'Risk Management' at the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic

The Centre organised a training programme on "Risk Management" at the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic on 12-13 August 2013, within the framework of OIC Central Banks Capacity Building Programme (OIC-CB-CaB). The Course was provided by Mr. Suat Aydın, Deputy Director, FX Risk Management Division of the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey with participation of relevant members of National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic.

vi. Training Course on 'Risk Management in Islamic Financial Institutions at the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan

The Centre organised a training programme on "Risk Management in Islamic Financial Institutions" at the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan in November 2013, within the framework of OIC Central Banks Capacity Building Programme (OIC-CB-CaB). The Course was provided by Mr. Abdul Samad, Shariah Advisor, AlHuda Centre of Islamic Banking and Economics in Pakistan with participation of relevant members of National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

vii. Training Course on 'Balance of payments' in Yemen

The Centre organised a training programme on “Balance of Payments” in Central Bank of Yemen of the Republic of Yemen in November 2013, within the framework of OIC Central Banks Capacity Building Programme (OIC-CB-CaB).

6. Stock Exchanges Capacity Building Programme (SEP)

i. Training Course on 'Islamic Financial Instruments' in Sultanate of Oman

The Centre organised, in collaboration with Arab Federation of Exchanges (AFE), a training course on "Islamic Financial Instruments" within the framework of the OIC Capacity Building Programme for Stock Exchanges (OIC-SEP) on 5-6 March 2013 in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman. The course was provided by Mr. Agung Bayu Purwoko, Manager in Department of Monetary Operations at Bank Indonesia, and was attended by experts from member institutions of the Arab Federation of Exchanges.

7. Competition Authorities Capacity Building Programme (CA-CaB)

i. Training Course on 'Competition Law and Policy' in Indonesia

The Centre organised, in collaboration with the Competition Authority of the Republic of Turkey, a training course on “Competition Law and Policy” within the framework of the OIC Capacity Building Programme for Competition Authorities (OIC-CA-CaB) on 24-26 April 2013 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The course was provided by Mrs Şerife Demet Kaya, Expert on Competition, and Mrs Ebru Öztürk, Chief Competition Expert, and was attended by several experts from the Indonesia Competition Commission.

ii. Training Course on 'Competition Law and Policy' in Albania

The Centre organised, in collaboration with the Competition Authority of the Republic of Turkey, a training course on “Competition Law and Policy” within the framework of the OIC Capacity Building Programme for Competition Authorities (OIC-CA-CaB) on 15-17 May 2013 in Tirana, Albania. The course was provided by Mr. Ümit Nevruz Özdemir, Expert on Competition, and Mr. Ali Arıöz, Chief Competition Expert, and was attended by several experts from the Albanian Competition Authority.

iii. Training Course on 'Competition Law and Policy' in Pakistan

The Centre organised, in collaboration with the Competition Authority of the Republic of Turkey, a training course on "Competition Law and Policy" within the framework of the OIC Capacity Building Programme for Competition Authorities (OIC-CA-CaB) on 18-20 June 2013 in Islamabad, Pakistan. The course was attended by several experts from the Competition Commission of Pakistan.

iv. Training Course on 'Competition Law and Policy' in Bangladesh

The Centre organised, in collaboration with the Competition Authority of the Republic of Turkey, a training course on “Competition Law and Policy” within the framework of the OIC Capacity Building Programme for Competition Authorities (OIC-CA-CaB) on 28-30 June 2013 in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The course was attended by the senior officials of

Government of Bangladesh and representatives from private sector and the Institute for Policy, Advocacy and Governance (IPAG).

v. Training Course on 'Competition Law and Policy' in Sudan

The Centre organised a training course on “Competition Law and Policy” within the framework of the OIC Capacity Building Programme for Competition Authorities (OIC-CA-CaB) on 3-5 June 2013 in Khartoum, Sudan. The course was provided by Mr. Rostom Omar, Head of Investigation and Legal Research Department in Egyptian Competition Authority and attended by several experts from the Ministry of Trade, Republic of Sudan.

vi. Training Course on 'Competition Law and Policy' in Cameroon

The Centre organised a training course on “Competition Law and Policy” within the framework of the OIC Capacity Building Programme for Competition Authorities (OIC-CA-CaB) on 28-30 October 2013 in Yaoundé, Cameroon. The course was provided by Mr. Rostom Omar, Investigation and Legal Research Department Head in Egyptian Competition Authority and attended by several experts from the Ministry of Trade, Republic of Cameroon.

8. IbnSina Programme for Health Capacity Building (IbnSina-HCaB)

i. Training Course on "Paediatric Emergency Medicine" in Mogadishu, Somalia

The Centre organised, in collaboration with Aegean International Federation of Health (ESAFED) and Turkish Cooperation and Development Agency (TIKA), a training programme on "Paediatric Emergency Medicine" on 01 November 2012-31 January 2013 in Mogadishu, Republic of Somalia. The training course was conducted by Dr. Lokman Çam, paediatrician in Kayseri Maternity and Child Hospital, Republic of Turkey.

ii. Training Course on 'Minimally Invasive Surgery' in Assiut, Egypt

The Centre organised, in collaboration with Aegean International Federation of Health (ESAFED) and Egypt Assiut University, a training programme on "Minimally Invasive Surgery" at the Assiut University in Assiut, Arab Republic of Egypt, on 06-10 February 2013. The course was provided by Assoc. Prof. Seyda Ors Kaya, Op.Dr.Kenan Can Ceylan and Munevver Ulutas, and was attended by operating surgeons of the Assiut University.

iii. Training Course on “Hospital and Health Care Facilities Management and Administration”, Turkey

The Centre, in collaboration with the Aegean International Federation of Health (ESAFED), organised a training course on “Hospital and Health Care Facilities Management and Administration” on 23 April 2013 – 02 May 2013 in Izmir, Republic of Turkey. This education programme was organized for the general managers of several hospitals in Yemen ended with a certificate ceremony with the participation of Prof. Savaş Alpay, Director General of SESRIC and Dr. Ali Iravul, Member of the Board of ESAFED and Coordinator of the Project for Yemen.

iv. Training Programme on 'Recognition and Prevention of Diabetes' in Nigeria

The Centre, in collaboration with the International Anatolian Health Federation (USAF) organised a training programme on “Recognition and Prevention of Diabetes” within the framework of the IbnSina Health Capacity Building Programme (IbnSina-HCaB) at the National Board for Technical Education in Kaduna, the Federal Republic of Nigeria on 1-2 June 2013. The Course was provided by Dr. Mustafa Bilgi, internal medical specialist.

v. Training Programme for Medical Doctors of Mali in Turkey

The Centre in collaboration with the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) and the Aegean International Federation of Health (ESAFED) organised a training programme for 9 medical doctors from the USTTB – Bamako University Medical Faculty in Izmir, Republic of Turkey. The training course was held from 15 July until 27 September 2013 in several training and research hospitals approved by the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey. During the training course a mentor was assigned to each participant and the course level was adjusted to the level of the participant.

vi. Training Course for Medical Doctors and Assistants of Cameroon in Turkey

The Centre, in collaboration with the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) and the Aegean International Federation of Health (ESAFED) organised a training course for 2 medical doctors and 4 medical assistants from the Ngaundere State Hospital in Cameroon in Antalya, Republic of Turkey. The training course was held from 15 August until 15 November 2013 in several training and research hospitals approved by the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey. During the training course a mentor was assigned to each participant and the course level was adjusted to the level of the participant.

C. ISMEK MASTER TRAINER PROGRAMME (IMTP)

ISMEK Master Trainer Programme, which is developed jointly by SESRIC and the Centre for Art and Vocational Training Courses of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (ISMEK) to provide intensive free training courses to master trainers from OIC Member Countries continues in various subjects under different categories.

i. Master Trainers from Azerbaijan Awarded with IMTP Certificate

Within the framework of ISMEK Master Trainer Programme (IMTP), a group of eight master trainers from different vocational schools of the Republic of Azerbaijan received training at the Centre for Art and Vocational Training Courses of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (ISMEK) on 12-17 November 2012 in Istanbul, Turkey. Azerbaijani Master Trainers received trainings at a number of ISMEK training Centres in Istanbul on the subjects of "Sewing Women's Clothes", "Assistant Designer of Women's Clothing" and "Cream Cake, Biscuits and Sweets". The six-day training programme has been hosted by ISMEK and participants were rewarded with certificates.

ii. Master Trainers from Senegal Awarded with IMTP Certificate

A group of eight master trainers from different vocational schools of the Republic of Senegal received training at the Centre for Art and Vocational Training Courses of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (ISMEK) with the support of Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency (TIKA) on 26 November-4 December 2012 in Istanbul, Turkey. Senegalese Master Trainers received trainings on the subjects of "Ebru (Marbling)" and "Filigraphy". The six-day training programme has been hosted by ISMEK and participants were rewarded with certificates.

iii. Master Trainers from Egypt Awarded with IMTP Certificate

Within the framework of ISMEK Master Trainer Programme (IMTP), a group of eight master trainers from different vocational schools of the Arab Republic of Egypt received training at the Centre for Art and Vocational Training Courses of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (ISMEK) on 17-25 February 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey. Egyptian Master Trainers received trainings at a number of ISMEK training Centres in Istanbul on the subjects of "Machine Embroidery" and "Sewing Women's Outer Clothing". The six-day training programme has been hosted by ISMEK and participants were rewarded with certificates.

iv. Master Trainers from Guinea Awarded with IMTP Certificate

A group of four master trainers from different vocational schools of the Republic of Guinea received training at the Centre for Art and Vocational Training Courses of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (ISMEK) on 10-17 March 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey. Guinean Master Trainers received trainings on the subjects of "Aluminium Relief" and "Wood Decorating". The six-day training programme has been hosted by ISMEK and participants were rewarded with certificates.

v. Master Trainers from Cameroon Awarded with IMTP Certificate

A group of eight master trainers from different vocational schools of the Republic of Cameroon received training at the Centre for Art and Vocational Training Courses of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (ISMEK) under SESRIC's ISMEK Master Trainer Programme (IMTP) with the support of Islamic Development Bank (IDB) on 03-08 June 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey.

D. OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH NETWORK (OIC-OSHNET)

OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network (OIC-OSHNET) is the first transnational networks project under OIC-VET among similar local, national and regional institutions operating in public and civil domain, in the OIC Member Countries with the aim of establishing closer cooperation for sharing knowledge and experience, conducting joint research and training, and organising new initiatives, projects and programmes in the field of OSH. SESRIC's active involvement in the establishment of and continuous support for the activities OIC-OSHNET has been acknowledged and awarded the plaque of appreciation by the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of the Republic of Turkey (MoLSS) during the Occupational Safety and Health Week (OSH-WEEK) organized on 4 May 2012 in Şanlıurfa, Republic of Turkey.

i. Second Meeting of OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network (OIC-OSHNET)

The second meeting of OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network (OIC-OSHNET) has been organized by SESRIC, in collaboration with the General Directorate of Occupational Health and Safety (DGOHS) operating under the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of the Republic of Turkey (MoLSS), on 4-6 March 2013, in Ankara, Turkey. The meeting was attended by experts of occupational health and safety from 17 OIC Member Countries. The meeting adopted a number of recommendations regarding the establishment of a working group to work on five years plan of action for the OIC-OSHNET for the period of 2014-2019 and the enhancement of the OIC-OSHNET Portal, designation of NFPs for the OIC-OSHNET and preparation of country profiles. As part of the programme, participants also visited the testing facilities of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), Department of Market Surveillance and witnessed the test of various PPE's at DGOHS in Ankara. In pursuance of the decision taken during the meeting, the Centre has established an e-mail group among the National Focal Points (NFPs) of OIC-OSHNET in order to facilitate the communication and increase the effectiveness of the Network.

E. SKILL DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUTH EMPLOYMENT (SDYE) PROGRAMME

Skill Development for Youth Employment (SDYE) Programme is a SESRIC initiative under the framework of OIC-VET Programme in order to contribute to the solution of the unemployment problem through improving necessary skills for the current labour market.

i. Phase II of 'Skill Development for Youth Employment (SDYE) Project': Field Visit in Cameroon

As a second phase of "Skill Development for Youth Employment" project, a field visit was organized by the SESRIC in partnership with IDB, Ministry of National Education and the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Republic of Turkey, Turkish Employment Agency and Economic and Trade University of TOBB (TOBB-ETU), on 28 November-3 December 2012 in Yaoundé, Republic of Cameroon. A joint mission composed of members from abovementioned institutions visited relevant Ministries, private organisations, NGOs, public institutions, vocational schools and enterprises in order to identify the potential areas of intervention and assessing the possibility of replicating the "Skill 10" project of Turkey in Cameroon. During the field visit, a "Road Map" was developed through a cooperative process involving all stakeholders. The road map consists of two phases where each step is described in detail. The first phase, the preliminary phase involves desk review and preparation of surveys, training on Labour Market Analysis, undertaking Labour Market Analysis and Needs Assessments. After the implementation of the preliminary phase, all the stakeholders in this Project will come together to outline the roadmap for the second phase in transferring the "Skill 10" and building the capacity of the vocational education system in Cameroon.

F. OIC POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRAMME (OIC-PAP)

Within the framework of OIC-VET Programme, OIC Poverty Alleviation Programme (OIC-PAP) has a more active and vital role in coordination of all possible events, trainings,

capacity building programmes, research and other activities in poverty alleviation field in the Member Countries.

i. Training course on ‘Poverty Alleviation Strategies’ in Turkey

The Centre organised, in collaboration with the National Development Planning Agency of the Republic of Indonesia (BAPPENAS), a training course on “Poverty Alleviation Strategies” within the framework of the OIC Poverty Alleviation Programme (OIC-PAP) on 15-16 May 2013 in Ankara, Turkey. The course was provided by Dr Maliki, Deputy Director of Poverty Alleviation Programme Department and was attended by several experts from the Ministry of Family and Social Policies of Republic of Turkey.

ii. Workshop on “Innovative Solutions to Poverty Reduction and Empowerment of the Poor”

The Centre in collaboration with Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD) and Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) organised a workshop on “Innovative Solutions to Poverty Reduction and Empowerment of the Poor”, on 26-28 June 2013, in Ankara, Republic of Turkey. The workshop took place in the Headquarters of SESRIC. The meeting took place with the participation of high and medium level economists, managers, and experts from different ministries of 27 OIC Member Countries, namely, Afghanistan, Benin, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Comoros, Chad, Cameroon, Djibouti, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, The Gambia, Guinea, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Maldives, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Palestine, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Uganda and Yemen. There were also international institutions operating in the field of poverty such as Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), OXFAM, Development Impact Evaluation Initiative of the World Bank (DIME), Bank of Khartoum (BOK), Asian Development Bank (ADB), National Development and Planning Agency, Arab Economic Development Bank (BADEA), International Anatolia Health Federation (USAF) and Aegean International Federation of Health (ESAFED), in order to share their successful and innovative models in poverty reduction, as well as, brainstorm on how best to integrate and replicate these models on a sustainable basis.

G. SESRIC TOBACCO FREE OIC INITIATIVE

Tobacco Free OIC is an initiative of SESRIC in response to the spread of tobacco epidemic in the OIC Member Countries. Tobacco Free OIC initiative aims to foster an OIC-wide coordinated approach to curb and control the spread of tobacco epidemic in the OIC Member Countries. This initiative focuses on trainings, workshops, study visits and capacity building programs to facilitate the development and implementation of sustainable national tobacco control strategies in the OIC Member Countries.

i. ‘Tobacco Control Movement for Youth and Adults’ in Indonesia

SESRIC has launched a two-year project in June 2013 titled “Tobacco Control Movement for Youth and Adults’ in Indonesia in partnership with Nahdatu’l-Ulama (NU), the largest civil society organisation in the country, with the objective of promoting health of

Indonesians through tobacco control programme. The project aims at building awareness on danger of smoking and exposure to second-hand (passive) smoking among NU's officials and teenage groups and create smoke-free indoor environment in all NU's establishments. While achieving this objective, NU's officials and teenage groups will become a role model for the community. The project also seeks to establish smoke free environments by implementing regulation at schools, both Islamic boarding schools and public schools, and also at communities, which can prevent children, youth and teenagers from second-hand smoking and discourage them to initiate smoking, while establishing smoke-free NU's health care preventing non-smokers and in particular teenagers from exposure to second-hand smoke and promoting smoke-free environments at accessible places.

ii. Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS) Conference in Geneva

SESRIC was represented in the TQS Conference on “A subset of Key Questions from the Global Adult Tobacco Survey” organised under the auspices of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Geneva, Switzerland on 12-13 August 2013. TQS was developed to harmonize and standardize the monitoring of key tobacco control indicators outlined in WHO MPOWER. TQS is a list of 22 survey questions that can be integrated into national, sub-national and international surveys to promote data comparability within and across countries over time.

iii. Study Visit on ‘Tobacco Control Policies’ for Palestinian Delegation in Turkey

SESRIC organised, in cooperation with the Tobacco Market Regulatory Authority of the Republic of Turkey (TAPDK) a study visit for the delegation from the National Tobacco Control Commission of the State of Palestine, in order to share the best practices and exchange expertise on tobacco control issues on 02-04 July 2013 in Ankara, Republic of Turkey. During the study visit, the delegation visited TAPDK, Ministry of Finance of Turkey, Ministry of Health of Turkey, Smoke Cessation Clinic and Faculty of Medicine of Hacettepe University, Alo 171 Smoke Cessation Hotline and SESRIC.

iv. First Regional Training Workshop on Tobacco Control and Trade in Egypt

The First Regional Training Workshop on Tobacco Control and Trade was held at the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office on 19-21 March 2013 in Cairo, Egypt. The workshop was attended by the related coordinators both from Ministry of Health and Ministry of Trade of Tunisia, Iran, Morocco, Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Egypt, Djibouti and Sudan. Eastern Mediterranean Region of the Framework Convention Alliance (FCA), Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (JHSPH), The Union Middle East Regional Center, League of Arab States and SESRIC also attended as observers at the workshop.

H. E-GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE

The e-Government Initiative of SESRIC has been initiated as a result of the First Meeting of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation E-Government Working Group (OIC eGovWG) - organised by SESRIC on 5–6 July 2011 in Ankara, Republic of Turkey upon the Resolution No. 68 adopted at the 25th Session of COMCEC.

i. First Meeting of the Heads and Seniors of National Organizations for Civil Registration (NOCR) of OIC Member States

The Centre in cooperation with the National Organisation for Civil Registration of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Islamic Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), organised the First Meeting of the Heads and Seniors of National Organisations for Civil Registration (NOCR) of OIC Member States on 15-17 April 2013 in Tehran, Iran. The meeting was attended by delegations of OIC Member Countries namely, Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Iraq, Iran, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Mozambique, Niger, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Qatar, Turkey and United Arab Emirates. The meeting focused on the latest developments on civil registration related issues and enabled participants to discuss and share their experiences in safety and security of National ID and Smart Card systems. The participants of the meeting, shared their experiences and views on the main topics, gave examples from their countries and provided feedback during the sessions.

I. INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME (OIC-ISIP)

The OIC International Student Internship Programme (OIC-ISIP) is a special international internship programme developed under the OIC-VET Programme to enhance the quality of workforce employed in OIC Member Countries and strengthen integrity and convergence of labour markets, and promote competitiveness of OIC economies through increasing knowledge and skills of university students about to enter into the labour market.

i. SESRIC Internship Programme

SESRIC has started a new internship programme during summer 2013, which offers internships to highly motivated and successful young people interested to learn more about the economic and social issues that affect communities around the Islamic World. The programme provides university students opportunities to study and work that provide hands-on experience, as well as to improve their skills and experience of working in an international environment. Internships are available during each period of the year, which is open to students who are nationals of the OIC Member Countries.

J. AGE FRIENDLY ISLAMIC COUNTRIES

i. Consultancy Meeting on ‘Age Friendly Islamic Countries Strategies and Action Plan’

The Centre, in collaboration with World Ageing Council (DUNYAK) organised a consultancy meeting on “Age Friendly Islamic Countries Strategies and Action Plan”, on 16 August 2013, in Ankara, Republic of Turkey. The consultancy meeting was attended by high-level experts and academicians from public and private sectors, universities and non-governmental organizations. The main objective of the meeting was to exchange views and ideas on current state, prospects and challenges of ageing in OIC Member Countries for the purpose of drawing a draft Strategy and Action Plan on Age Friendly Islamic Countries.

K. OIC INITIATIVE OF LEARNING CITIES

i. Consultative Meeting on 'OIC Initiative of Learning Cities'

SESRIC organised a consultative meeting on “OIC Initiative of Learning Cities”, on 26 September 2013, at its Headquarters in Ankara, Republic of Turkey. The consultative meeting took place with the participation of directors of training and education of municipal administrations, high-level experts and academicians from public and private sectors, universities and non-governmental organizations. The main objective of the meeting was to exchange views and ideas on the recent initiative of SESRIC on OIC Learning Cities in order to draft a long term strategy and action plan towards enhancing international collaboration among OIC Member Countries. The participants exchanged their experiences in vocational education in their regions and recommended to establish similar programmes in other Islamic Cities.

L. E-LEARNING PROGRAMME

i. SESRIC and UNESCO launch AVICENNA II e-learning project

SESRIC has been partnering in UNESCO’s Avicenna Virtual Campus, an e-learning project established in the Mediterranean region with 14 partner countries. Avicenna was launched in November 2002 and expanding its network with additional countries. UNESCO and SESRIC are jointly developing the Avicenna Virtual Campus II project in Turkey, Azerbaijan and Central Asian countries (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan). The project will bring 12 additional universities to the network.

Named after 10th Century scientist and philosopher Ibn Sina, the Avicenna Virtual Campus for Science is an e-learning knowledge network in the Mediterranean which has become a model for quality online teacher training and education for students. The Avicenna Virtual Campus uses information and communication technologies to help educate students and share skills, resources and research results among universities.

The main goal of the Avicenna Virtual Campus II (AVC II) is to train the teachers in order to improve the quality of teaching in partner countries. Through AVC II, teachers will be trained to develop new methodologies for higher quality in the overall system of education in the project partner countries.

M. PUBLICATION AND DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

i. Establishment of OIC-VET Twitter Account

SESRIC established an OIC-VET Twitter account in order to facilitate an effective flow of information and build an active network among OIC Member Countries in the field of vocational education and training in March 2013. The Member Countries started to follow the official @OICVET Twitter account for the latest news and information on past and upcoming events related to OIC-VET through <https://twitter.com/oicvet>

ii. Training Cooperation e-Newsletter

Training Cooperation e-Newsletter is a semi-annual periodical of SESRIC, which brings together training and technical cooperation activities under the OIC-VET Programme, and

aims at constituting a basic connection arena that shall enhance and strengthen relationships among related institutions of the OIC Member States. Training Cooperation e-Newsletter Vol.4 No.1 (July 2013) issue has been prepared and electronically published for the training institutions and professionals in the OIC Member States as well as the related regional and international organisations worldwide where the e-Newsletter shall constitute an attraction point to those institutions and professionals where they can follow up with the updated news and events occurring in relation to their activities. It provides online news and events related to OIC-VET Programme and other related training activities including news on training institutions with best practices to serve as a guide to other similar institutions in the OIC Member States.