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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 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 Technical and Vocational Education and Training (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 organized by SESRIC during the period 2017-2018. The Strategic Roadmap was submitted to the 35<sup>th</sup> 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 (NFPs) 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

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period for implemented activities spans from the 39th Session of the COMCEC, held on 2-5 December 2023 in Istanbul, Türkiye, to the 40th Session of the COMCEC, scheduled to take place on 2-5 November 2024 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 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 OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025, SESRIC, in collaboration with the Ministry of Economic Inclusion, Small Business, Employment and Skills of the Kingdom of Morocco, organized an online Training Workshop on “Integrating Formal and Informal TVET Education in OIC-Africa French-Speaking Member Countries” on 27-28 December 2023.

The training workshop was provided by competent experts from the Ministry of Economic Inclusion, Small Business, Employment and Skills of the Kingdom of Morocco for the benefit of 82 experts and executives from the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Authorities and relevant national institutions of 14 OIC Countries.

The main objective of the training workshop was to provide a deeper understanding of the intricate process of integrating formal and informal TVET education and its substantial advantages for learners, employers, and economies. The training also focused on the critical role of collaboration between the formal TVET institutions, informal learning providers, and policymakers in order to develop effective and equitable strategies for integrating formal and informal learning for a robust TVET system.

**2. 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 1 of the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025, SESRIC, in collaboration with the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), organized an online Training Course on

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“Setting Up a Supportive Policy Framework to Promote Youth and Women Entrepreneurship” on 9-10 January 2024.

The training course was provided by competent experts from the Ministry of National Education of the Republic of Türkiye, the Ministry of Industry and Technology of the Republic of Türkiye, and the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of the Republic of Türkiye for the benefit of 95 experts and executives from the TVET authorities and relevant national institutions of 24 OIC member countries.

The main objective of the training course was to share knowledge, experiences, and good practices regarding the strategies, policies, and programmes aimed at promoting youth and women’s entrepreneurship. In addition, the participants engaged in comprehensive discussions covering entrepreneurship, including, among others, business startups, access to finance, training, and networking.

**3. Training Course on “Integrating Green Skills and Sustainable Practices into TVET Programmes”**

Within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme and in line with the Cooperation Area 3 of the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025, the Centre organized an online Training Course on “Integrating Green Skills and Sustainable Practices into TVET Programmes” on 13-14 March 2024.

The training course was provided by competent experts from the Ministry of National Education of the Republic of Türkiye for the benefit of 80 experts and executives from the TVET authorities and relevant national institutions of 22 OIC member countries.

The main objective of the training course was to equip participants with information, tools, and practical strategies for seamlessly incorporating green skills and sustainable practices into their current TVET curricula, thus enabling them to apply sustainable practices in workplaces and make a meaningful contribution towards a more sustainable future.

**4. Training Course on “Enhancing the Competency-based Approach in TVET Curricula and Assessments”**

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 organized an online Training Course on “Enhancing the Competency-based Approach in TVET Curricula and Assessments” on 29-30 May 2024.

The training course was provided by the Assistant Director General at the Vocational Training Corporation (VTC) of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for the benefit of

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29 experts from TVET authorities and relevant institutions of 12 Arabic-speaking OIC member countries.

The training course aimed to provide participants with the necessary knowledge and abilities to effectively design and execute competency-based curricula and evaluations within TVET programmes. This also enabled them to develop strategies for effective implementation of the competency-based approach in their TVET system.

**5. Webinar on “Fostering Collaboration between Private and Public Sectors towards Efficient TVET Systems”**

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 TVET Division of the Ministry of Education Malaysia, organized a Webinar on “Fostering Collaboration between Private and Public Sectors towards Efficient TVET Systems” on 25 June 2024.

The webinar was provided by competent experts from the Ministry of Education Malaysia for the benefit of 74 experts from the TVET authorities and relevant national institutions of 20 OIC member countries.

The main objective of the webinar was to provide insights and a better understanding of the roles of stakeholders from the public and private sectors in the collaborative design, implementation, and maintenance of high-quality TVET systems.

**6. Webinar on “Vocational Education in Business and Industry”**

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 Ministry of Education, Culture, Research and Technology (MoECRT) of the Republic of Indonesia, organized a Webinar on “Vocational Education in Business and Industry” on 2 July 2024.

The webinar was provided by competent experts from the Division of Alignment of Vocational Education with Business and Industry of the MoECRT of the Republic of Indonesia, UNESCO International Centre for TVET (UNESCO-UNEVOC), Digital Transformation Office (DTO) of the Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye, and Surabaya State Electronics Polytechnic (PENS) for the benefit of 50 experts, executives and academics from TVET NFPs and relevant agencies/ authorities and national institutions of 25 OIC member countries.

The main objective of the webinar was to enhance the understanding among OIC countries regarding the pressing need for upskilling and reskilling in digital skills for business and industry. It focused on the crucial role of national TVET systems in responding to the global digital transformation. During the webinar, participants



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discussed alignment processes, strategies, and best practices in vocational education that support the expansion of key sectors, while also addressing the challenges and opportunities encountered in this evolving landscape.

**7. Workshop on “Empowering MSMEs in OIC Member Countries through Green Climate Finance”**

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 Small and Medium Business Development Agency (KOBIA) of the Republic of Azerbaijan, organized a Workshop on “Empowering MSMEs in OIC member countries through Green Climate Finance” on 9-10 July 2024.

Competent speakers shared their vast expertise with 124 experts, executives and academics from TVET NFPs and relevant agencies/ authorities and national institutions of 30 OIC member countries.

The workshop focused on promoting green climate finance mechanisms to support the growth and sustainability of MSMEs (Micro, Small, and Medium-sized Enterprises) in OIC countries. During the workshop, participants engaged in detailed discussions on challenges faced by MSMEs in accessing green finance, shared best practices, and identified opportunities for collaboration among stakeholders to enhance support for MSMEs in adopting green practices.

**8. Webinar on “Establishing Quality Assurance Mechanisms and Accreditation Systems for TVET Programmes”**

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 International Centre for Technical and Vocational Education and Training of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO-UNEVOC), organized a Webinar on “Establishing Quality Assurance Mechanisms and Accreditation Systems for TVET Programmes” on 5 September 2024.

Competent speakers from various national institutions and UNEVOC Centres in OIC countries delivered insightful presentations, highlighting the efforts undertaken by UNEVOC Network members to enhance the standards of TVET teaching and learning opportunities in their respective countries. These efforts aimed to strengthen the overall quality and effectiveness of TVET systems across the OIC region. The webinar brought together 152 experts and executives from the TVET authorities and relevant national institutions of 24 OIC member countries.

The main objective of the webinar was to address the critical requirements within the TVET sector for establishing robust quality assurance mechanisms and accreditation systems. The webinar covered a range of topics, including the importance of quality

assurance, the challenges and opportunities in implementing such mechanisms, and showcased case studies and best practices from OIC member countries.

### **9. 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 Islamic University of Technology of Bangladesh (IUT), organized a Training of Trainers (ToT) Course on “Cyber Security” on 18-19 September 2024 for the benefit of TVET teachers from the TVET authorities and relevant national institutions of OIC member countries.

Competent speakers from IUT Bangladesh delivered comprehensive presentations covering key topics such as security and cyber security principles, risks and vulnerabilities, hacking and ethical hacking, as well as ethics and constructive alignment in training. Participants included professionals and teachers from TVET authorities and relevant national institutions of OIC countries, who greatly benefited from the course.

The main objective of the ToT was to equip TVET teachers with comprehensive knowledge and practical expertise in cybersecurity, empowering them to effectively teach and prepare students in this critical field. Additionally, the training aimed to provide teachers with the necessary tools to train the next generation of cybersecurity professionals, ensuring they are well-prepared to meet industry demands.

### **10. Project titled “Empowering Youth through Enhancing Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET): A Pathway to Employment and Success”**

Within the framework of the 11<sup>th</sup> Call for Project Proposals of COMCEC Project Funding, SESRIC implemented a project in 2024 titled “Empowering Youth through Enhancing Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET): A Pathway to Employment and Success”. As part of this project, the following virtual training course and on-site workshop were conducted:

✓ **Training Course on “Enhancing Policies and Strategies for Effective TVET Systems in OIC Member Countries”:**

SESRIC organized this online training course on 1-3 October 2024, attended by participants from TVET authorities and relevant national institutions of OIC member countries. The course focused on enhancing policies and strategies for building effective TVET systems.

✓ **Workshop on “Strengthening TVET Strategies to Increase Youth Employment in OIC Member Countries”:**

SESRIC will organize this workshop on 19-20 November 2024 in Ankara, Republic of Türkiye. The workshop aims to bring together senior

representatives from TVET authorities and relevant national institutions of OIC countries to discuss strategies for increasing youth employment through strengthened TVET systems.

### **11. Training Course on “Adopting Pertinent Strategies for Upskilling and Reskilling TVET Trainers”**

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 Ministry of National Education of the Republic of Türkiye, organized a Training Course on “Adopting Pertinent Strategies for Upskilling and Reskilling TVET Trainers” on 22-23 October 2024.

The training course was provided by competent experts from the Ministry of National Education of the Republic of Türkiye for the benefit of participants from TVET authorities and relevant institutions in OIC countries.

The main objective of the training course was to equip national TVET institutions with advanced strategies and practical skills necessary for enhancing their educational programs. The course provided insights into contemporary teaching methods and innovative training approaches, ensuring that these institutions can deliver high-quality, relevant instruction that meets the needs of students and effectively prepares them for success in the job market.

### **12. 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 TVET Division of the Ministry of Education Malaysia, organized a Training Course on “Designing and Implementing National Vocational Qualifications Framework for TVET Institutions” on 30-31 October 2024. Experts and executives from TVET authorities and relevant institutions in OIC member countries participated in and benefited from the training course.

The main objective of the training course was to equip participants with the knowledge and practical skills needed to design and implement effective National Vocational Qualifications Frameworks (NVQF) within their respective countries. It aimed to provide a comprehensive understanding of the principles, structure, and methodologies for establishing a qualifications framework that aligns with international standards and supports the development of high-quality TVET systems.



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