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WORKSHOP ON
"MUSLIM DIASPORA:
PROSPECTS AND CHALLENGES FOR GLOBAL PEACE AND PROSPERITY"
12-13 MAY 2018
ISTANBUL, TURKEY
WORK PROGRAM

Day 1: 12 May 2018	
09.00 – 09.30	Registration and refreshments
09.30 – 10.15	<p>OPENING SESSION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Recitation from the Holy Quran</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Welcoming and opening remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Other regional or IR institutions (preferably two speakers, TBD) - Mr. Mehmet Köse, President of Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB) - H.E. Amb. Musa Kulaklıkaya, Director General of SESRIC - OIC General Secretariat <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Family photo</i></p>
10.15 – 10.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10.30 – 12.00	<p>Session 1: Presentation of SESRIC's Global Muslim Diaspora (GMD) Study and Findings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Questions and answers
12.00 – 13.30	<p>Session 2: Muslim Diaspora in Figures and Data</p> <p>Aim: A quick review of the overall status of Muslim Diaspora across the world through data, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geographical distribution of diasporic communities & history of Muslim immigration towards the West • Demographic characteristics of the Muslim Diaspora (population and population projections, gender, median age, etc.) • Socio-economic (education, labour, divorce rate, family size, etc.) profile of Muslim immigrants • Political, religious and civil rights and limitations (citizenship rights, rights to worship, religious traditions – circumcision, animal sacrifice,



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	<p style="text-align: center;">etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Questions and answers</p>
13.30 – 14.45	Lunch and prayer break
14.45 – 16.00	<p>Session 3: Existing and emerging challenges facing Muslim Diaspora</p> <p>Aim: Understanding both long-breathed and emerging difficulties Muslim Diaspora face in the host countries. One long-breathed challenge is the lack of unity and common institutional representation of Muslim Diasporic communities. Emerging challenges, on the other hand, may include youth and identity, growing Xenophobia and Islamophobia, media and Diaspora, etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Questions and answers</p>
16.00 – 16.15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16.15 – 17.30	<p>Session 4: Contribution of the Diaspora to country of Origin and Host Country</p> <p>Aim: To highlight Diasporic communities' agency in terms of their economic, cultural, and political and otherwise contributions both to the host country (e.g., democratizing political system, labour participation, etc) and country of origin (remittances and economic growth, etc.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Questions and answers</p>
Day 2: 13 May 2018	
09.30 – 11.00	<p>Session 5: Presentations by Member Countries Diaspora Institutions and Authorities</p> <p>Aim: To introduce the institutions on Diaspora and their activities and policies, especially those that address Diasporic communities' problems both within host countries and countries of origin.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Questions and answers</p>



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11.00 – 11.15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11.15 – 12.30	<p>Session 6: Presentations by Member Countries Diaspora Institutions and Authorities (<i>continue</i>)</p> <p>Aim: To introduce the institutions on Diaspora and their activities and policies, especially those that address Diasporic communities' problems both within host countries and countries of origin.</p> <p>- Questions and answers</p>
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch and prayer break
14.00 – 15.30	<p>Session 7: Brainstorming Session for Intra-OIC cooperation</p> <p>Aim: Formulating ideas as well as actionable insights that can;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen cooperation among OIC Member Countries on the issue of Muslim immigration • Strengthen cooperation between OIC Member Countries' national institutions and civil society on the issue of Muslim immigration • Identify mechanisms and activities that can strengthen unity and bond (economic, cultural and political) among Diasporic communities across the world. <p>- Questions and answers</p>
15.30 – 16.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16.00 – 17.00	Wrap Up & Closing