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Editorial

We are proud to bring you the second issue of the Training Cooperation E-Newsletter at our Portal. This issue presents the progress achieved in the training and technical cooperation activities of SESRIC since the online publication of the first issue of the Training Cooperation E-Newsletter on 1 July 2009 as well as providing the opportunity for us to highlight new initiatives undertaken by SESRIC since then. Achievements made up till now clearly demonstrate SESRIC's commitment to contribute to the development agenda of the member countries and enhance cooperation among the member countries towards defining a more constructive model for increasing human capacity development.

In this connection I have the pleasure to inform that we witnessed the official launching of the Vocational Education and Training Programme for OIC Member Countries (OIC-VET) 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 launching ceremony marks a new era for cooperation among OIC Member Countries to extend new opportunities in vocational education and training. As you may recall the OIC-VET Programme was originally developed by SESRIC in 2007 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.

As many developed and developing countries have suffered, and still suffering, from the negative impacts of the global economic and financial crisis, SESRIC and the Central Bank of



the Republic of Turkey jointly organized the Meeting of the Central Banks and Monetary Authorities of the OIC Member Countries in Istanbul, Turkey, on 3 October 2009 on the theme "Impacts of the Current Crisis on OIC Member Countries". The Governors of the Central Banks of member countries adopted the Istanbul Declaration in which they decided to convene the Meeting on an annual basis.

Another important development during the last six months was the "International Conference on eGovernment: Sharing Experiences (eGovSharE2009)" held in Antalya, Turkey on 8-11 December 2009 and organized jointly with the eGovernment Centre (eDEM) of the Public Administration Institute for Turkey and Middle East (TODAIE), the Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency (TİKA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) with the purpose of providing a platform for leaders, public managers and professionals, researchers as well as academicians from all over the world to share their practices, ideas and research results on eGovernment.

I would like to end my words by expressing our advance invitation to any contribution to the Training Cooperation E-Newsletter. I am confident that with the continuous and encouraging contributions of eminent personalities, policy makers, government officials, academicians and researchers in the OIC community and elsewhere, the Training Cooperation E-Newsletter will continue to significantly enhance the training and cooperation efforts of OIC member countries.

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Vocational Education and Training Programme (OIC-VET)



The OIC Vocational Education and Training Programme (OIC-VET) for Member Countries is a programme prepared by the SESRIC in order to improve the quality of Vocational Education and Training

(VET) 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.

The Programme supports and supplements the activities of the Member Countries, while respecting the responsibility of the

Member Countries for the content and implementation of vocational training. It aims at improving the competencies and skills of the people according to the needs and priorities of labour markets through intra-OIC partnerships at institutional level. The Programme focuses on increasing accessibility and raising the quality of VET, and provides an opportunity for organizations involved in VET to build OIC partnerships, exchange best practices, increase the expertise of their staff and develop the skills and competencies of the participants. The Programme will cover the training areas included in the national training programmes in the Member Countries by introducing a transnational perspective in conformity with national priorities of the Member Countries.

OIC-VET Partners Database Released, 10 January 2010

OIC-VET Partners Database, a special database sited in the OIC-VET Portal with the aim of providing information on potential partners who are able and keen to effectively participate in the implementation of projects within the various projects of the OIC-VET Programme, has finally been released. The OIC-VET Partners Database constitutes an

optimised virtual pool in which all registered OIC-VET Partners will come together with the aim of facilitating the process of matching their capacities and defining their needs in the related areas of activities in order to effectively plan and implement OIC-VET projects.

For details please [click here](#).

OIC-VET Portal Launched, 17 February 2010

The OIC-VET Portal has been launched following the official inauguration of the Vocational Education and Training Programme for the OIC Member Countries (OIC-VET Programme) by H.E. Abdullah Gül, President of Turkey and Chairman of COMCEC, during the COMCEC Economic

Summit, held in Istanbul on 9 November 2009, with the presence of the heads of states and governments of the OIC Member Countries.

For details please [click here](#)

✚ Official Launch of the OIC-VET Programme, 09 November 2009

The Vocational Education and Training Programme for OIC Member Countries (OIC-VET) has been officially launched by H.E. Abdullah Gül, President of the Republic of Turkey and Chairman of the COMCEC, at the COMCEC Economic Summit on 9 November 2009. The launch

event, which included an introductory cinevision about the OIC-VET Programme, was one of the most spectacular events that took place during the 25th Session of the COMCEC and the COMCEC Economic Summit.

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Capacity Building Programme

SESRIC is currently organising training programmes for National Statistical Organisations (NSOs), Central Banks, and Capital Markets Authorities in the member countries to enhance their capacities in line with their training needs. SESRIC analyses these needs and capacities through the responses of the related questionnaires and sends experts among these countries to perform the needed training programmes.



In this respect, SESRIC encourages all NSOs, Central Banks, and Capital Market Authorities in the OIC Member Countries to participate in the Capacity Building Programme in order to implement training programmes for public sector institutions on a wide range of areas which will, no doubt, add to the sector-specific specialisation efforts in the OIC Member Countries by providing their personnel interactive studies to practice their knowledge.

✚ Training Course in Malaysia, 14-16 December 2009

The Centre organised a training course on “Statistical Data Analysis: Projections and Forecasting” at the Department of Statistics of Malaysia, on December 14-16, 2009. The course was provided by Dr. Ali Said, expert



from the BPS-Statistics Indonesia and was attended by 30 staff members of the Department of Statistics of Malaysia.

For details please [click here](#)

✚ Training Course in the United Arab Emirates, 12-14 October 2009

The Centre organised a training course on “Health Statistics” at the Central Statistics Department of the United Arab Emirates, on October 12-14, 2009. The course was provided by Ms. Azhar Adelaal Mokhtar, expert from the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and



Statistics (CAPMAS) of the Arab Republic of Egypt and was attended by 20 staff members of the Central Statistics Department of the United Arab Emirates.

For details please [click here](#)

✚ Workshop for the Arab Countries on Tourism Statistics and Tourism Satellite Account (TSA), 12-15 October 2009

The Workshop for the Arab Countries on Tourism Statistics and Tourism Satellite Account (TSA) was held on 12-15 October 2009 in Damascus, Syria. The workshop was co-organized with



the Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics (AITRS) in collaboration with World Tourism Organization (WTO).

For details please [click here](#)

✚ Training Course in Yemen, 12-14 October 2009

The Centre organised a training course on “Web-based Data Compilation Techniques” and “Electronic Forms (Questionnaires)” at the Central Statistical Organisation of the Republic of Yemen, on October 12-14, 2009. The course was provided by Ms. Zeinab Zoheir Hosny, expert from the Central



Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) of the Arab Republic of Egypt and was attended by 20 staff members of the Central Statistical Organisation of the Republic of Yemen.

For details please [click here](#)

✚ Training Course in Azerbaijan, 28-29 September 2009

The Centre organised a training course on “Computer Science: Management of Database” at the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan, on September 28-29, 2009. The course was provided by Mr. İlker Güven, expert



from the Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat) of the Republic of Turkey and was attended by 10 staff members of the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

For details please [click here](#)

Workshops/Meetings/Seminars

✚ Meeting of the Central Banks and Monetary Authorities of the OIC Member Countries, 03 October 2009

The Meeting of the Central Banks and Monetary Authorities of the OIC Member Countries was held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 3rd October 2009 on "Impacts of the Current Crisis on OIC Member Countries". The Meeting was organized jointly by the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey and SESRIC on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Organization of the



Islamic Conference and the 25th anniversary of the COMCEC. The Meeting was attended by H.E. Mr. Ali Babacan, Minister of State and Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey,

Governors of Central Banks and Monetary Authorities of OIC Member Countries, the OIC General Secretariat, COMCEC Coordination Office and the SESRIC.

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✚ Experts Group Meeting on the Establishment of the OIC Development Assistance Committee (OIC-DAC), 22-23 December 2009

The Experts Group Meeting on the Establishment of the OIC Development Assistance Committee (OIC-DAC) was organized by SESRIC and held in Ankara, Republic of Turkey, on 22-23 December 2009.



- Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED), State of Kuwait

- State Ministry for International Cooperation, State of Qatar

The Meeting was attended by representatives of the following Development Cooperation Institutions (DCIs) of the OIC Member Countries (in an alphabetical order):

- The Indonesian Coordinating Committee for International Technical Cooperation, Republic of Indonesia

- Cooperative Development Bank (TTBank, Ministry of Cooperatives), Islamic Republic of Iran

- The Saudi Fund for Development (SFD), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

- Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency (TİKA), Republic of Turkey

- Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD), State of the United Arab Emirates

The Meeting was also attended by representatives of the OIC General Secretariat, IDB, COMCEC and SESRIC.

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+ International Conference on eGovernment: Sharing Experiences (eGOVsharE2009), 08-11 December 2009



The Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), the eGovernment Centre (eDEM) of the Public Administration Institute for Turkey and Middle East (TODAIE), the Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency (TIKA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) co-

organized the "International Conference on eGovernment: Sharing Experiences (eGovSharE2009)" in Antalya, Republic of Turkey, on 8-11 December 2009. The SESRIC delegation to the conference was headed by Dr. Savaş Alpay, Director General, and included Mr. Hüseyin Hakan Eryetli, Director of Publication and IT Department, Mr. Haytham Zeinelabdin, Research Assistant, and Mr. Tagelasfia Eltayeb, Translator.

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Institutions in Focus

+ Islamic Research & Training Institute



The Islamic Research and Training Institute (IRTI) was established in 1981 to undertake research and provide training and information

services in the member countries of the Islamic Development Bank and Muslim communities in non-member countries to help bring their economic, financial and banking activities into conformity with Shari'ah and to further economic development and cooperation amongst them.

During 1425H the Board of Executive Directors accorded IRTI the status of a member of the Islamic Development Bank Group. The President of the IDB is also the President of the Institute. The Institute is headed by a Director responsible for its overall management who is selected by the IDB President.

The functions of the Institute are:

- 1.To organize and coordinate basic and applied research with a view to developing models and methods for the application of Shari'ah in the fields of economics, finance and banking;
- 2.To provide for the training and development of professional personnel in Islamic economics and banking to meet the needs of research and Shariah-observing agencies;
- 3.To train personnel engaged in development activities in the Bank's member countries;
- 4.To establish an information centre to collect, systematize and disseminate information in fields related to its activities; and

5.To undertake any other activities which may advance its purpose.

During 1425H the IDB Group adopted its Strategic Framework and prepared Strategic Plans to achieve the Group Strategic Objectives. In the framework of the strategic planning process of the IDB Group, IRTI has also prepared a Strategic Plan for the period 1426-30 [2005-10]. Within the IDB Group, IRTI would play a leadership role in creating a network of institutions contributing to various aspects of the industry". Nevertheless, IRTI shall also make a concerted attempt in contributing to the other two strategic objectives of the IDB Group, namely, poverty alleviation and economic cooperation among member countries.

In the light of the above, the Institute aims at the following key objectives:

1.Providing financial and socio-economic statistics about member countries;

2.Promoting strategic dialogue among member countries on key issues of common interest;

3.Facilitating practical application of Islamic economics and finance;

4.Developing Islamic economics and finance as scientific disciplines;

5.Business and endowment development for strengthening financial position of IRTI.

For more information: <http://www.irti.org/>