



**Sixth Meeting of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee (MAC) of
the OIC-VET Programme: Implementation Plan of the OIC-TVET
Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025**

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Opening Speech by

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**Distinguished Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Sisters and
Brothers,**

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Very Good Morning

I am pleased to welcome you all to the “Sixth Meeting of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee of the OIC-VET Programme (MAC)”. Thank you for accepting our invitation and designated these two days from your valuable time to participate in this important meeting.

I would like also to express my deep thanks and gratitude to all those who have participated and contributed to the success of the previous workshops and meetings that SESRIC organized for the preparation of the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025.

In this context, I am glad to inform you that the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025 has been welcomed by our Ministers during the 35th Ministerial Session of the COMCEC which was held last month here in Istanbul.

I strongly believe that, with your close cooperation with SESRIC, the Executing Organ of the OIC-VET Program, the implementation of this Roadmap will contribute significantly to the improvement and enhancement of the TVET systems and practices in our MCs.

Today you are here, as the National Focal Points of the OIC-VET Program, to discuss and elaborate on various means and ways of effective implementation of the OIC-TVET Strategic Road Map 2020-2025. We are all looking forward to agree on and come up with certain specific projects and activities to be implement jointly during the upcoming period of 6 years for the benefit of our MCs.

Therefore, the work that you will undertake during these two days will be crucial in developing a practical and implementable mechanism with a view to successfully achieving the objectives defined in the Strategic Roadmap.

Dear Participants,

With 967 million young people, the group of OIC countries is the youngest group of countries in the world (52% of their total population

are of the group of 0-24 age). This could be considered as a significant strength but meanwhile a serious challenge for many Governments in our MCs.

In order for OIC Countries to utilize the potential of their young people and maximize their contribution to the economies, they should secure quality education and decent work opportunities for this large important segment of our societies.

In this context, I believe that our work within the framework of the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap will certainly support and contribute to the efforts of our MCs in this regard through promoting skills for youth employment and providing opportunities and access to technical and vocational training.

I would like here to mention two important features or concepts of the Roadmap: the TVET teacher education and matching TVET supply with the labour market demand. As you know, teachers play a key role in developing the quality of the TVET system and practice. Therefore, providing continuous training on new technologies and innovations for TVET teachers will contribute to enhancing their capacities and thus to the improvement of TVET systems and practices in our MCs.

On the other hand, matching TVET supply with labour market demand is a crucial factor to secure job opportunities for

the newly graduated young people. Efforts should be made to enhance the skills of this important segment in our societies to meet the needs and requirements of the labour market. The availability of skills and access to training relevant to labour market needs are important factors for enabling productivity and economic growth inclusiveness.

Therefore, working for the improvement of the TVET system and practice will have a considerable impact both at micro and macro levels. At the micro level, TVET can be a great opportunity for individuals, particularly young people and marginalised vulnerable groups, to equip them with the knowledge and skills necessary for professional integration into the labour market through enhancing their productivity, innovation and entrepreneurship skills. At the macro level, this can play an essential role in eradicating poverty and promoting economic growth and socio-economic development.

Dear Participants,

In the light of this understanding, I am confident that the projects and activities that will be implemented within the framework of the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap will also contribute to the implementation of other OIC strategies in other domains, such as the OIC Youth Strategy and OIC Labour Market Strategy.

In its capacity as the Executing Organ of the OIC-VET Programme, SESRIC will continue its efforts to support the improvement of the

TVET systems and practices in our member countries. We expect all member countries to fully involve in the realization of the objectives of the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025. Your commitment and strong cooperation with us are crucial factors for the successful achievement of these goals.

Before concluding, I would like to thank you once again. I would like also to express my gratitude to our Brother, Mr. Muhammad Muqeemul Islam, Director General of Skills, Standards & Curricula of National Vocational and Technical Commission of Islamic Republic of Pakistan for his contribution to the preparation of draft implementation plan for this meeting.

I wish you all the success in your deliberations and may Allah Almighty support and help us all and guide our efforts and steps towards the prosperity and welfare of our Member States and the Islamic Ummah at large.

Thank you for your kind attention. والسلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته.