

MISSION REPORT

Sixth Meeting of the Lead Country Coordinators' Group & 13th Meeting of the OIC Steering Committee on Health

08 October 2019, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Event Title:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Sixth Meeting of the Lead Country Coordinators' Group▪ 13th Meeting of the OIC Steering Committee on Health
Event Date:	07-08 October 2019
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Annexes Available at:	OIC SCH13
Resource People:	Mehmet Fatih Serenli
Participation Statistics:	The meeting was attended by the members of the LCCG and SCH as well as relevant OIC institutions (SESRIC and IDB) and international organizations (WHO and GAVI)

1 Introduction

In accordance with the decision of the 12th Meeting of the Steering Committee on Health, the 6th Meeting of LCCG and the 13th Meeting of the Steering Committee on Health (SCH) were held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 07-08 October 2019.

2 Modalities of the Meeting

The Sixth Meeting of the Lead Country Coordinators' Group (LCCG) was held in Abu Dhabi, State of United Arab Emirates on 07 October 2019. The meeting was attended by representatives of Indonesia, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia and Turkey as well the host country; the State of United Arab Emirates (UAE); OIC General Secretariat and relevant OIC institutions namely: SESRIC and IDB. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Mohammed Yahya Saeed, Advisor at Public Health Institute of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Each of the three Lead Country Coordinators (LCCs) present presented activity report for the period 2017-2019 in their respective thematic areas.

The meeting of the Steering Committee on Health heard the report of the 6th Meeting of the Lead Country Coordinators Group (LCCG) Meeting, and reviewed the implementation of the following resolutions of the 6th Session of ICHM;

- Progress report on operationalization of the OIC Medical Corps
- Progress report on the establishment of the OIC Health Portal
- Establishment of the OIC Centre of Excellence on Vaccines and Biotechnology Products

The meeting also reviewed of the outcome documents of the 1st Meeting of Heads National Medicines Regulatory Authorities (NMRAs) from OIC Member States; and the activities of the Islamic Advisory Group (IAG) for Polio Eradication.

During both meetings, SESRIC reported on its activities under its mandate of statistics, research, training and technical cooperation geared to the needs of the relevant institutions in OIC Member Countries. SESRIC also gave a brief on the progress regarding the development of the OIC Health Portal which is meant to be an information sharing platform of the OIC in the health domain in order to raise awareness among partners and the general public, and strengthen external communication.

3 Follow-Up Actions

- **OIC Health Portal** will be one of the agenda items during the upcoming Senior Official Meeting of the 7th Session of the Islamic Conference of Health Ministers to be held in Abu Dhabi, State of United Arab Emirates on 15 December 2019. A presentation should be made about the progress in OIC Health Portal, including information about its structure, content types, content management strategy and CMS roles and responsibilities.
- **Universal Health Coverage (UHC):** As has been the practice in the previous sessions, each session of ICHM features one or two panel discussions on some of the topical issues that require the attention of the Ministers and other participants. Multi-sectoral Action to Achieve Universal Health Coverage in OIC has been chosen for this session due to its critical importance at this point in time when political momentum is steadily growing to support the promotion of universal health coverage (UHC) throughout the world as part of the Sustainable Development Goals. The Centre may consider preparing a report on the status of the UHC in OIC Member Countries and making a presentation during the session.
- **The Islamic Advisory Group (IAG) for Polio Eradication** was established to provide support to the Global PEI in Muslim countries by raising community awareness about the compliance of vaccines with Islamic Shariah, addressing concerns and misperceptions, and facilitating access to vaccinate all children. The main partners are Al Azhar Al Sharif (Cairo) and the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (Jeddah) as co-chairs, in addition to the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation and the Islamic Development Bank. The membership includes also eminent religious scholars, technical experts and academics. During the course of operation, the IAG expanded its mandate to other maternal and child health areas beyond polio and started to raise awareness about breastfeeding, birth spacing, hygiene and sanitation, and care seeking behaviour for pregnant mothers in addition to routine immunizations. The SCH was informed that, in 2018, the IAG started to work on aligning its future work plans with the OIC Strategic Health Program of Action 2014-2023 for the benefit of Member States of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation. SESRIC was approached by the IAG representative during the meeting to make collaboration, particularly in research and training, on related issues.

4 Meeting Documents

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