

## **Training Course on “Skills and Entrepreneurship Development”**

### **Welcoming Remarks**

**Director General of SESRIC**

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Distinguished Participants,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

**السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ**

- I am pleased to welcome you all to this training course on “Skills and Entrepreneurship Development”. We are proud, at SESRIC, to organize it within the framework of SESRIC OIC Public Employment Services Capacity Building Programme (OIC-PESCaB) and in line with the Executive Programme for the Implementation of OIC Framework for Cooperation on Labour, Employment and Social Protection 2019/2020.
- Let me, at the outset, express my sincere thanks and appreciation to H.E. Mr. Youssef FENNIRA, Director General of the National Agency for Employment and Independent Work (ANETI) of Tunisia, for accepting our invitation and nominating Mr. Nouredine MISSAOUI, Head of Entrepreneurship Department, to provide this important training course for the benefit of participants from three ministries in Republic of Senegal, namely “Ministry of

Employment, Vocational Training and Handicrafts”, “Ministry of Civil Service and Public Service Renewal”, and “Ministry of Labour, Social Dialogue, Professional Organizations and Relations with the Institutions”.

- My deep thanks and appreciation are also extended to H.E. Mr. Abdou FALL, Director of Vocational and Technical Training of the Ministry of Employment, Vocational Training and Handicrafts of the Republic of Senegal, for accepting our proposal to organize this training course online for the benefit of the staff of these relevant Ministries.
- This training course has been initially planned to be organized this physically as usual by sending an expert to Senegal. However, due to the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic and in an attempt to respond to this extraordinary situation, we decided to conduct this training course online instead of postponing it to another date.

**Dear Participants,**

- In the era of knowledge-based economy, the role of human capital has become more important, since it has a direct relationship with workforce productivity, which contributes positively to the economic growth. Therefore, enhancing the capacities of human resources through increasing the skills and productivity of the

employees are at the heart of any states' policy aimed at achieving sustainable economic growth, poverty reduction and increasing social welfare.

- Entrepreneurship Development, on the other hand, facilitates job creation, inclusive growth and achievement of the sustainable development goals. In this regard, entrepreneurship is deemed as a major source of economic growth that will play a vital role in job creation and skills development in the coming decades.
- The OIC-2025 Programme of Action recognizes the importance of labour markets in building a better quality of life, promoting productive employment, and creating adequate social protection for the peoples of the OIC MCs through enhancing workforce competitiveness, creating a harmonious and progressive workplace, and promotion of decent work for all.
- In this respect, we at SESRIC have initiated few years ago the OIC Public Employment Services Capacity Building Programme (OIC-PESCaB) with the aim of improving employment policies, strategies and services in the OIC MCs.

- Within the framework of this programme, we organise capacity-building activities for the benefit of the national institutions responsible for public employment services in our MCs with a view to strengthening their systems. Based on the existing needs and capacities of these institutions, these training activities are usually done through different modalities such as short-term training courses (like this one), training workshops and study visits.
- I believe that this training course, which aims to provide insights into the skills development plan, human capital development tools, and entrepreneurial spirit and ecosystem, will make a positive impact and add value to the work and expertise of the participants.
- Before concluding, I would like to thank you all once again and wish you a fruitful exchange of experiences and a successful training throughout the upcoming days.

Thank you, Wassalamualeykum