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Monitoring and Advisory Committee (MAC) of the Vocational Education and Training Programme for OIC Member Countries (OIC-VET)

Antalya, Republic of Turkey, 11-12 May 2010

**Report of the Second Meeting of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee
(MAC) of the Vocational Education and Training Program for OIC Member
Countries (OIC-VET)**

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Twenty-Fourth Session of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (COMCEC) held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 20-24 October 2008 requested SESRIC to organise the First Meeting of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee before the 25th Meeting of the Follow-up Committee of COMCEC.

2. Accordingly, the First Meeting of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee (MAC) of the Vocational Education and Training Programme for OIC Member Countries (OIC-VET) was organized by SESRIC in Izmir, Republic of Turkey on 13 May 2009 on the sidelines of the 25th Meeting of the Follow-up Committee of COMCEC.

3. The 25th Session of the COMCEC held on 5-9 November 2009 in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, took note with satisfaction of the progress that has been achieved in the OIC-VET Programme and commended the efforts exerted by SESRIC to launch the OIC-VET Portal as a critical step in the implementation of the Programme. It also endorsed the Work Plan of the Pilot Application Phase of the OIC-VET and entrusted SESRIC to proceed with the implementation of the Plan.

4. The objectives of this Meeting were:

- a) To review the progress achieved since the First MAC Meeting;
- b) To enhance cooperation in the Pilot Application Phase of the Programme;
- c) To provide information on planned and ongoing activities under the Programme; and
- d) To increase the involvement of NFPs into the ongoing pilot projects.

II. ORGANIZATION OF WORK

A. Attendance

5. The Second Meeting of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee (MAC) of the Vocational Education and Training Program for OIC Member Countries (OIC-VET), held in Antalya, Republic of Turkey, on 11-12 May 2010, was attended by the delegations from National Focal Points (NFPs) of the OIC Member States, namely Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Indonesia, Iran, Morocco, Qatar, Senegal, Turkey and Yemen. Also present were representatives of the OIC General Secretariat and the concerned OIC Institutions, namely the Standing Committee of Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (COMCEC), Islamic Development Bank (IDB), Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ISESCO), Organization of Islamic Ship-owners Association (OISA), and Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC).

B. Documentation

6. The documentation of the meeting consisted of the Draft Agenda and Programme. The meeting was also provided with the Implementation Report of the Vocational Education and Training Programme for OIC Member Countries (OIC-VET).

III. OPENING OF THE MEETING

7. Following the recitation from the Holy Quran, Mr. Fatih Serenli, Director of Training and Technical Cooperation Department at SESRIC and Chairman of the Second Meeting of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee welcomed all participants, acknowledged the efforts of SESRIC for the initiation and execution of OIC-VET Program and assured all sort of cooperation in the implementation of this noble project. Mr. Serenli emphasized the importance of vocational education and training, in particular against the backdrop of socio-economic conditions in the OIC Member States.

IV. SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

Working Session I: Review of the progress in the implementation of the OIC-VET Programme since the First Meeting of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee (MAC) (Agenda Item 3)

8. Mr. Nader Jamil Abdulhamid (SESRIC) briefed the participants on the OIC-VET Programme and pointed out to the activities completed by SESRIC since the First Meeting of MAC. Mr. Abdulhamid mentioned the Official Launch of the OIC-VET Programme by H.E. Abdullah Gül, President of the Republic of Turkey and Chairman of the COMCEC, at the COMCEC Economic Summit held in Istanbul on 9 November 2009. Mr. Abdulhamid also informed the participants of the efforts undertaken by SESRIC with respect to calling the OIC Member Countries for assigning their respective NFPs for which the number of the NFPs has risen to twenty-four.

9. Mr. Abdulhamid, then, explained in details the related infrastructural arrangements undertaken by SESRIC, namely the OIC-VET Portal, OIC-VET Partners Database, and OIC-VET Training Module, in addition to several supporting documents. Mr. Abdulhamid also briefed the participants on the current Pilot Projects undertaken by SESRIC and also informed that SESRIC has already incorporated its long-standing Capacity Building Programmes, namely Statistical Capacity Building Programme and Central Banking Capacity Building Programme into the OIC-VET. Mr. Abdulhamid also announced that SESRIC has recently initiated two new capacity building programmes; Ibn Sina Programme for health professionals and OIC Occupational Health and Safety Capacity Building Programme (OHSCaB).

The Meeting expressed appreciation of the above SESRIC activities and called for consideration of the following decisions and recommendations:

- Effective participation of the OIC Member Countries in the OIC-VET Portal;
- Include details and links of the NFPs in the OIC-VET Portal;
- Effective coordination among the NFPs for optimized planning and implementation;
- Providing VET related data in the OIC Member Countries by their respective NFPs;
- Prepare Portal announcements of recent VET related activities in the OIC Member Countries by their respective NFPs; and
- Initiating statistical measures of progress for the OIC-VET Programme.

Working Session II: Country Reports on their endeavours with the OIC-VET Programme (Agenda Item 4)

Participants decided to incorporate this Session with Working Session IV.

**Working Session III: Activities in line with the implementation of the OIC-VET Pilot Phase
(Agenda Item 5)**

10. Mr. Abdulhamid (SESRIC) briefed the participants on the ongoing and planned activities of SESRIC with respect to the OIC-VET Pilot Phase, namely the Training for NFPs, OIC-VET Trainers Database, OIC-VET Projects Database, Networking among Centres of Excellence, OIC-VET Promotional Activities, and Pilot Projects. Mr. Abdulhamid also stressed the importance of and need for the NFPs to investigate all possible ways and means for analysing needs and capacities in all possible areas related to the OIC-VET in their respective countries in order to effectively plan their own Pilot Projects and thus contribute to the Pilot Application Phase of the OIC-VET Programme. In this respect, Mr. Abdulhamid stated that SESRIC shall highly welcome assisting the NFPs in this respect.

The Meeting expressed appreciation of the above SESRIC activities and called for consideration of the following decisions and recommendations:

- Effective interaction among the NFPs for optimized technical assistance delivery;
- Exploring data sources needed for initiating statistical measures of progress for the OIC-VET Programme;
- Effective within country promotion of the OIC-VET Programme;
- Exploring VET related needs and capacities in the OIC Member Countries by their respective NFPs;
- Provision of a model for initiating Pilot Projects by SESRIC through a sample table showing provider and beneficiary sides with details on the subject and how/why it is being assigned; and
- Call for consideration of assisting Senegal in planning/implementing Pilot Projects.

**Working Session IV: Presentation and discussion of Pilot Projects prepared by the NFPs and other OIC Organs
(Agenda Item 6)**

11. Mr. Murat Ilkin (SESRIC) briefed the participants on the Pilot Projects prepared by SESRIC. Mr. Ilkin pointed out to the different chosen sectors and, in this respect, Mr. Ilkin explained how potential beneficiaries are chosen with respect to sectors. Within those Pilot Projects prepared by SESRIC, Mr. Ilkin stated that the selected sectors vary from fisheries and aquaculture to vocational nursing training and from cotton growing and irrigation techniques to managing people in emergencies.

12. Mr. Ilqaz Nadirov (Azerbaijan NFP) made a presentation regarding VET in Azerbaijan.

13. Mr. Amin (Indonesia NFP) made a presentation regarding VET in Indonesia.

14. Mr. Said (Morocco NFP) made a presentation regarding VET in Morocco.

15. Mr. Leye (Senegal NFP) made a presentation regarding VET in Senegal.

16. Ms. Zehra Adiyaman (Turkey NFP) made a presentation regarding VET in Turkey.

17. Mr. Bajoulvand and Mr. Alishahi (Iran NFP) handled video presentation regarding VET in Iran.

The Meeting pointed out to possible areas and projects to be considered for the OIC-VET Pilot Application Phase:

- Disabled people VET activities;
- Home business VET activities;
- Industrial automation technologies;
- Providing training for trainers in all possible OIC-VET related activities;
- Establishing training centres for vocational teachers;
- Develop project based skills contests;
- Studying mechanisms for related MoUs among the OIC Member Countries;
- Developing a mobilized educational system for Senegal in order to enhance educational capacity in the rural areas;
- Developing Pilot Projects in the tourism and hotel management sector in Azerbaijan;
- Establishing a sub-programme composed of the IDB, COMCEC and SESRIC focusing on areas such as trade, finance and economy; and
- Engage decision makers due to the important role of political will in enhancing and assuring optimized continuity of the OIC-VET Programme

**Working Session V: Ways and means of closer cooperation and collaboration among the NFPs
(Agenda Item 7)**

The Meeting discussed several ways and means of enhancing cooperation and collaboration among the NFPs varying from effective participation in the OIC-VET Portal to planning/implementing joint Pilot Projects, and from continuous interaction among the NFPs to promoting the centres of excellence in their respective countries.

Closing Session

Dates and venue of the Second Meeting of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee

18. The Meeting agreed that the Third Meeting of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee (MAC) of the OIC-VET Programme will take place within May 2011. The venue will be communicated in due course.

19. The Meeting expressed its gratitude to the COMCEC Coordination Office for their excellent assistance in facilitating the Meeting.