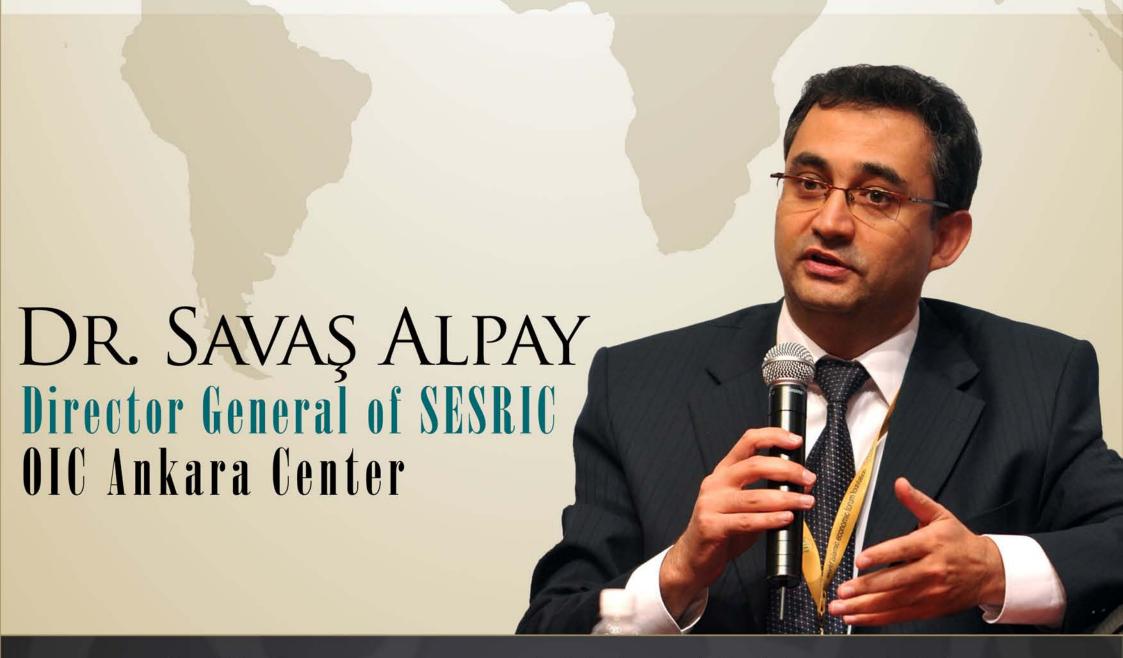




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## ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFORMATION IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD



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## Summary:

The world economic recovery is threatened by the sovereign debt crisis in the euro area. In contrast to poor growth performance in developed countries, growth in developing countries has been robust in recent years. Yet, developing countries are still vulnerable to the economic woes in developed countries through trade and financial channels. In the light of the recent major global and regional economic developments, it is of interest to see the trends in the major socio-economic indicators of the OIC member countries in a comparative manner with their counterparts in the groups of the developed and other developing countries as well as with the world economy as a whole. After highlighting the major socio-economic developments in OIC countries, the presentation will draw attention to a number of constraints and challenges confronting the OIC member countries in their efforts to further their economic development and progress. The presentation will also provide major strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of the Muslim world.

## Biography:

Prof. Savas Alpay is the Director General of the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC). He received his PhD in economics from Johns Hopkins University in 1997, and has taught at different universities in Turkey. Formerly, he has worked as a consultant for an international consultancy firm in the USA, and served on the Board of a Public Regulation Authority in Turkey. His research areas include interactions among economic growth, international trade and the environment with an emphasis on the design and implementation of policies towards sustainable growth in general. More recently, his research focuses on policies towards improving the socio-economic development of the communities, as well as the knowledge economics, science and technology policies and the vocational education and training programmes in the Member Countries of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). His book titled "Trade and the Environment" has been published by Kluwer, and he has many articles published in different journals and conference proceedings. He is the editor of the Economic Cooperation and Development Review and the Journal of Economic Cooperation and Development, which publish scholarly articles on socio-economic development in the OIC Member Countries as well as in other developing countries. Prof. Alpay is also a member of the Turkish Academy of Sciences.

