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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

I have the pleasure to report on the activities of our Centre to the Board of Directors in its 35th Meeting. At the outset, I would like to welcome you all and wish you a pleasant stay among us in Istanbul. I am confident that the deliberations you will hold and the recommendations you will make will be highly instrumental in improving our work and better targeting our activities for more benefit to the member countries of the OIC.

Before I go into the details on the various activities of the Centre, I would like, first, to dwell, very briefly, on some major examples of these activities that have been successfully completed in the three areas of our mandates since May last year.

In the area of statistics, our Centre has successfully organized the 3rd Session of the OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom) in Ankara, Turkey on 10-12 April 2013 with participation of delegates from National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of OIC member countries. In its capacity as the Secretariat of this important OIC forum, our Centre continued its efforts to enhancing cooperation among the National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of the member countries and to facilitating the coordination among the working groups of the OIC-StatCom with a view to supporting the national statistical systems for the development of better national strategies and policies.

Meanwhile, the Centre continued its efforts to provide the necessary statistical data and background information that would make the member countries better informed of each other's potentials and needs and, thus, facilitate their elaboration on cooperation projects and integration schemes. In this context, we continued to enrich our statistical databases in terms of both the coverage and content. Now, the Centre's main statistical database (BASEIND) contains data on 266 socio-economic indicators under 18 categories for the 57 OIC Member States dating back to 1970. Today, we are proud, at SESRIC, of having the only available online database on OIC member countries in the three official languages of the OIC to benefit the users in the member countries and all those interested in the OIC community worldwide.

In this connection, I would like also to inform your august Board that the 2nd issue of the Centre's recent statistical publication series, titled "SWOT Outlook on OIC Member Countries", has been published. This statistical publication provides a SWOT (Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, Threats) profile on the OIC member countries, as a group, in different socio-economic fields and sectors. By presenting the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats in a comparative manner with the developed and other developing countries, the SWOT analysis of the OIC member countries serves as a critical roadmap for better strategic planning and policy making at the OIC cooperation level.

On the other hand, the Centre continued its training activities within the framework of its Statistical Capacity Building Programme (StatCaB) through organising training courses on various statistical areas in the National Statistical Organisations (NSOs) of the member countries. In this regard, I would like to inform your august Board that since May 2012, we have organised 11 training courses and co-organised 2 workshops on various statistical aspects in the NSOs of the following OIC countries: Afghanistan, Jordan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Maldives, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, and Sudan.

In the area of economic and social research, we continued to undertake research activities on various issues of concern to the member countries with a view to analysing the prevailing situation at the OIC level and suggesting the appropriate policy actions that need to be taken in order to face the challenges and strengthen the intra-Islamic cooperation in the concerned areas. Within this framework, the Centre continued to undertake extensive assignments to prepare technical background reports and research studies on several issues placed on the agenda of various related OIC conferences and meetings.

During the one-year period between May 2012 and May 2013, the Centre prepared and presented to different OIC meetings and conferences 8 research documents included reports, studies and presentations: (1) Annual Economic Report on the OIC Countries 2012; (2) Education and Scientific Development in OIC Countries 2012-2013; (3) OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action 2013-2022 (OIC-HSPA); (4) Managing Natural Disasters and Conflicts in OIC Countries: An Integrated Approach; (5) Economic Integration and Export Behaviour of SMEs; (6) Immunization and Vaccine Industry in the OIC Countries; (7) Natural Disasters and Conflicts in OIC Countries; and (8) Labour Market Challenges in OIC Countries.

During the same period, we have also prepared 8 OIC Outlook Reports on the following topics: (1) Gender Overview of OIC Member Countries; (2) Wheat Production in OIC Countries: Prospects and Challenges; (3) Economic Growth and Convergence across the OIC Countries: An Econometric Framework; (4) Current State of Statistical Capacity in OIC Countries; (5) Current Stance of Energy Resources and Potential in OIC Member Countries; (6) Current Stance of Science and Technology in OIC Member Countries; (7) OIC Countries and Natural Disasters: Assessment of Risk; and (8); Islamic Finance in OIC Countries.

In addition to these research activities, the Centre continued preparing and publishing its two periodicals: Journal of Economic Cooperation and Development and Economic Cooperation and Development Review.

In the area of training and technical cooperation, the Centre has further enhanced its cooperation with the most relevant national as well as international and regional organisations to provide high-level training opportunities to an increasing number of staff from our member countries in various fields and areas of socio-economic activity. The number of trainees who

benefited from the Centre's various capacity building programmes and training courses/workshops continues to increase systematically.

In this connection, I would like to mention that, in its capacity as the Executing Organ of the OIC-VET Programme, our Centre continues to initiate and implement various capacity building programmes and training courses in different field and areas of interest to our member countries with the aim of supporting the OIC efforts to enhance the capacity building and the quality of human resources in its member countries. The details on the activities which have been implemented and initiated under the OIC-VET Programme during the one-year period of May 2012 to May 2013 are available in the relevant part of the report.

On the other hand, in its capacity as the secretariat of the annual meetings of the Central Banks and Monetary Authorities of the Member States, our Centre continued to play a significant role in organising these meetings, with a view to enhancing and strengthening cooperation among these important institutions in critical issues of concern to the member countries such as mitigating the impact of the global and regional financial and economic crises on the economies of the member countries. In this connection, I am pleased to inform your august Board that our Centre has successfully organised, in collaboration with the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey, the 2012 Meeting of the Central Banks and Monetary Authorities of the OIC Member Countries on 14-15 May 2012 in Istanbul under the theme "Promoting Strong and Stable Capital Flows among OIC Countries: Roles of the Financial Sector and Central Banks". This year's meeting will be organized in collaboration with the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) and held in Jeddah on 27-28 November 2013 under the theme "Impact of Recent International Financial Regulatory Reforms on OIC Countries".

Also, in its capacity as the coordinator institution of the Exchange of Views Sessions of the COMCEC, our Centre plays an active role in exploring the views of the member countries on the proposed themes of these sessions through circulating the relevant questionnaire annually to all member countries and reporting the results to the main COMCEC sessions. The Centre also organizes, in collaboration with the IDB and other national and international institutions, the preparatory workshops on the selected theme of the COMCEC Exchange of Views Session. In this context and in collaboration with the IDB, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Organization of the Republic of Turkey (KOSGEB) and SME Corporation Malaysia (SME Corp Malaysia), the Centre has organized a workshop on the theme of the 28th Session of the COMCEC titled "Enhancing the Competitiveness of Small and Medium Sized Enterprises in the OIC Member States" in Ankara on 12-14 June 2012. For this year, we will organize, in collaboration with the IDB and COMCEC Coordination Office, a workshop on the theme of the 29th Session of COMCEC "Increasing Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Flows to OIC Member Countries".

Last but not least, in its capacity as the Co-Project Manager (together with Royal Society) of the OIC project of “Atlas of Islamic World Science and Innovation”, SESRIC continued its efforts within the Joint Management Team and the Steering Group of the project to ensure the successful implementation of the project, which comprises 8 country studies (Egypt, Jordan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Senegal, Indonesia, Kazakhstan and Qatar). Malaysia country report was issued in March 2011 and Egypt country report was published in December 2012. Kazakhstan country report has been finalized and planned to be published by May 2013. The other country cases are currently being drafted and assumed to be completed by the end of this year. In this context, I would like to inform your august Board that SESRIC has led the preparation of the country case study of Kazakhstan and currently involving in the preparation of the draft of the final report of the project. The Centre is exerting significant efforts to make Atlas Project provide valuable contributions to the efforts of our member countries towards adapting their science, technology and innovation systems to the global demands of our time.

Today, I am proud to assure you that the results of these activities and efforts have been highly satisfactory at all levels and by all measures. The achievements we have so far realised were obviously well received and highly appreciated by our member countries. This is very clear through the positive resolutions on the activities of our Centre which have been adopted by various official OIC meetings and conferences. Thanks to our member countries for backing our efforts and encouraging our initiatives. One aspect of their support was their stronger commitment to pay their contributions to our annual budgets and their high responsiveness to clear their outstanding arrears.

In this connection, and before starting to present the details of the technical activities, I would like to brief you also on the financial and administrative affairs of the Centre during the period under review.

In the Financial Year 2012 which ended 31 December 2012, the Centre received a total of US\$ 3,698,261 of which US\$ 2,130,412 were in payment of contributions for that year and US\$ 1,315,329 settlement of arrears, giving a total of US\$ 3,445,741 for those two items. Of the remaining balance, US\$ 2,813 was from sales of publications and US\$ 249,707 (for services and projects) received as reimbursement of the payments made during 2012 due to various projects and workshop activities of jointly realized by Islamic Development Bank, OIC and the Centre.

The overall receipts of the mandatory contributions for 2012 amounted as US\$ 2,130,412 (68% of the approved budget). Besides, the financial position of the new headquarter building construction accounts of the Centre have been disclosed in the consolidated financial situation as at 31 December 2012 under the special funds account item. On the other hand, since the Centre does not predict the actual amount of mandatory contributions that will be

paid to the Centre before the first half of current fiscal year, the Centre took great care on the expenditure side and an amount of US\$ 1,775,018 (57% of the approved Budget) was actually spent against the budget allocation of US\$ 3,150,000. Out of this total amount of expenditure, US\$ 522,472 was spent on the implementation of the Administrative Budget and US\$ 1,252,546 on the Programme Budget. We hope that the member countries agree on a payment system in which the Centre will receive the contributions in the first quarter of the year so that we can use our budget more efficiently.

The overall budget we are proposing for the Financial Year 2014 amounts to US\$ 4,500,000, corresponding to an increase by 27% over the last year's approved budget. The proposed increase in the budget is mainly arising from the relevant expenditures on the continuously increasing activities and programmes of the Centre due to the increasing demand by the member countries on the services of the Centre. These include joint and commissioned cooperation projects, increasing number of training and capacity building programmes, preparation of strategic documents in various socio-economic fields, workshops/seminars, etc. The increasing trend in the activities of the Centre will bring along the necessity of increasing the number of professional researchers to be employed in the relevant departments. Among other reasons for the increase in the proposed budget is the expected increase in the recurrent expenditures such as electricity, water, heating, cleaning and maintenance of the new Headquarters of the Centre, which has modern facilities and equipment to be used for the first time. The Centre has also started, since 1st January 2012, to pay the mandatory social security contributions for all the Staff of the Centre, both Turkish citizens and foreigners, which is legally binding in accordance with the Turkish Labour Law for all the International Organizations operating in Turkey. This also constitutes another financial item to be covered by the budget of the Centre.

In the light of the above, I would like now to present the details of the activities of the Centre according to the major programme areas during the one-year period of May 2012-May 2013. Under each area, the activities are listed in two groups according to their state of implementation. The first group covers the activities that have been completed during the period under consideration. The second group covers the continuous activities, i.e. those which have permanent features in the Centre's annual work programmes, as well as the planned activities, i.e. those which are either planned to be implemented or in the process of implementation.

STATISTICS AND INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

As the main socio-economic information bank on and for the OIC Member Countries, the Centre gives special attention to providing the necessary statistical data and background information that would make the member countries better informed of each other's potentials

and needs and, thus, facilitate their elaboration of cooperation projects and integration schemes.

In this connection, the Centre's statistical databases have been enriched in terms of both the coverage and content, i.e. new areas of statistics have been covered and the number of indicators and variables has been increased. The rate of dissemination of these data, particularly in the electronic format, has also been greatly increased due to the successive improvements made on the technical capacities and design features of the Centre's web site (www.sesric.org).

The Centre also continued its training activities within the framework of its Statistical Capacity Building Programme (StatCaB) through organising training courses on various statistical aspects in the National Statistical Organisations (NSOs) of the member countries. In this context, the Centre regularly sends questionnaires to the NSOs of the member countries in order to determine their needs and capacities on various statistical subjects. The Centre, then, arranges training programmes to contribute to the statistical capacity building in the member countries based on the responses of the member countries to these questionnaires.

On the other hand, in its capacity as the Secretariat of the OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom), the Centre continued to organize the annual sessions of this Commission in collaboration with the IDB; the first of which was organized in Istanbul in April 2011, the second in Izmir in April 2012, and the third in Ankara in April 2013. The OIC-StatCom is a very important forum within the OIC framework for cooperation among the NSOs of the member countries. It is an instrumental platform for cooperation among the NSOs of the member countries, similar to the UN Statistical Commission, with a view to supporting the national statistical systems for the development of better national strategies and policies. The website address of the OIC-StatCom is <http://www.oicstatcom.org/>.

The details of the activities of the Centre in the field of statistics during the period under consideration are as follows:

A. *IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES*

1. The Third Session of the OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom)

The Third Session of the OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom) was co-organised by SESRIC and the IDB on 10-12 April 2013 in Ankara, Turkey. The Session was attended by representatives of the NSOs of OIC member countries as well as representatives of international and supranational organisations. In addition to the progress reports regarding the activities of the OIC-StatCom Technical Committees of Experts (TCEs), the recent

developments and challenges about labor statistics, open data initiative, and sustainable development goals were discussed by the representatives of the NSOs and international organizations.

2. Seminar on Population and Housing Census Practices of OIC member countries

In accordance with the Resolutions of the Second Session of the OIC-StatCom, the members of the OIC-StatCom called for an Expert Group Meeting (EGM) to define the structure of a comprehensive profile that will include all the relevant phases of censuses and to compile the different country experiences and practices from OIC member countries. In this regard, SESRIC, being Secretariat of the OIC-StatCom, organized the "Seminar on Population and Housing Census Practices of OIC Member Countries" together with Islamic Development Bank (IDB) on 6-8 March 2013 at its headquarters in Ankara, Turkey. The meeting was attended by delegates from the National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of 17 member countries, namely Afghanistan, Bahrain, Egypt, Indonesia, Iraq, Malaysia, Maldives, Niger, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sudan, Turkey, Uganda, Yemen and the representatives of the IDB, United Nation Statistics Division (UNSD) and United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA).

3. 5th Meeting of the Delegates of the National Statistical Offices of the OIC Member Countries

The Fifth Meeting of the Delegates of the National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of the OIC Member Countries was organised by SESRIC on 28 February 2013 in New York, USA, as a side-event in the margins of the Forty-fourth Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC). The meeting was attended by the delegates of the NSOs of the OIC member countries in order to get their comments and feedback on the tentative agenda of the Third Session of the OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom). The agenda has been finalized with the inputs from the Member States.

4. Executive Work Plan for the Short, Medium and Long Term Implementation of the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision

As decided in its Second Session that took place in Izmir on 13-15 May 2012, the OIC-StatCom set up an OIC-StatCom Technical Committee of Experts on "Executive Work Plan for the Short, Medium and Long Term Implementation of the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision". Indonesia, the TCE lead country, with the collaboration of 22 members drafted an executive work plan for the short/medium/long term to carry out the strategic objectives stated in the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision Document. The Draft Executive Work Plan was endorsed by the Third Session of OIC-StatCom.

5. OIC-StatCom Technical Committee of Experts Meeting on Gender Related Issues

SESRIC organised the OIC-StatCom Technical Committee of Experts (TCE) Meeting on Gender Related Issues on 21-22 January 2013 at the SESRIC Headquarters in Ankara, Turkey. The Meeting brought together experts from the National Statistical Offices (NSO) of OIC member countries including Egypt, Indonesia, Nigeria, Oman, Sudan, Turkey, and United Arab Emirates. The delegation of United Arab Emirates, the lead country of the TCE, chaired the Meeting. The experts representing various international organisations including Islamic Development Bank (IDB), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Turkey Country Office also attended the Meeting. The aim of the meeting was to be informed about the studies carried out at the international level on gender related issues and reveal the different perspectives of the member countries.

6. Task Force Meeting on Implementation of OSTAT Programme

The Task Force Meeting on Implementation of Accreditation Program for Statistical Professionals in OIC Member States (OSTAT) Programme was held on 12 October 2012 at the SESRIC Headquarters in Ankara, Turkey. The meeting was hosted by SESRIC and attended by the representatives of the Central Informatics Organisation (CIO) of the Kingdom of Bahrain, Islamic Development Bank, and SESRIC. The objective of the meeting was to discuss the roles and responsibilities of the relevant organisations and other vital issues to be considered during the operationalization of proposed programme.

7. Current State of Statistical Capacity in OIC member countries

This OIC Outlook Report analyses the current state of statistical capacity of 50 OIC member countries based on the 2009 and 2012 Statistical Capacity Indicator (SCI) scores from the World Bank. The Report considers for analysis the three SCI dimension indicators; statistical methodology; source data; and periodicity and timeliness with a scale ranging from 0 to 100. Based on the analyses carried out, the Report derives conclusions and policy implications for the OIC member countries to improve their statistical capacities.

8. Statistical Capacity Building Programme (StatCaB) in the OIC member countries

In accordance with the responses of the member countries to the Centre's questionnaire on Statistical Capacity Building Programme (StatCaB), the Centre organised the following training courses:

a. Regional Seminar on 'International Trade Statistics' in Jordan, 12-14 June 2012

Co-organised by the SESRIC, Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics (AITRS) in collaboration with the United Nations Statistical Division (UNSD), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA) and Department of Statistics (DOS) Jordan, the Seminar was attended by 36 participants representing 20 OIC member countries; namely Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

b. Training Course on 'Population and Demography' in Niger, 15-17 October 2012

The Course was provided by an expert from the Statistics Tunisia and was attended by relevant staff members of Institute of National Statistics (INS) of Niger.

c. Training Course on 'Supply-Use and Input-Output Tables' in Malaysia, 17-19 October 2012

The Course was provided by an expert from the Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat) and was attended by 37 staff members of the Department of Statistics and other agencies in Malaysia.

d. Training Course on 'Labour Force Statistics' in Afghanistan, 22-24 October 2012

The Course was provided by an expert from the Department of Statistics, Malaysia and was attended by the relevant staff members of the Central Statistics Organization (CSO) of Afghanistan. The training aimed to present basic concepts, definitions and data collection approaches used in production in labour related statistics and share Malaysian experience in this context.

e. Training Course on 'Short-term Business Statistics' in Pakistan, 5-7 November 2012

The Course was provided by an expert from the Department of Statistics Malaysia and was attended by the related staff members of the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS). The training course on "Short-term Business Statistics" mainly focused on Business Cycle Indicators (BCI) including how to select indicators for BCI and how to construct BCI.

f. Training Course on 'Price Statistics and Indices' in Oman, 10-13 November 2012

The Course was provided by an expert from the Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat) and was attended by 20 staff members of National Centre for Statistics and Information

(NCSI). The training course mainly covered the general information about price indices, and the concept/scope and coverage of consumer price indices (CPI).

g. Training Course on 'Business Registers' in Sudan, 12-14 November 2012

The Course was provided by an expert from the Tunisian National Institute of Statistics (INS) and was attended by 35 staff members from the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) of Sudan. The training mainly covered the topics on the objectives and uses of the business register for statistical purposes.

h. Training Course on 'Price Statistics and Indices' in Afghanistan, 18-21 November 2012

The Course was provided by an expert from the Department of Statistics, Malaysia and was attended by the relevant staff members of the Central Statistics Organization (CSO) of Afghanistan.

i. Workshop on 'Conducting and Analysing Labour Force Surveys for Monitoring of the Labour Market for the Arab Countries' in Jordan, 18-22 November 2012

Co-organised by the SESRIC, Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics (AITRS) in collaboration with the International Labour Organisation (ILO), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA) and Department of Statistics (DOS) Jordan, the Workshop was attended by 17 participants representing 11 Arab states; namely Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Mauritania, Morocco, Sultanate of Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Sudan, Tunisia and Yemen.

j. Training Course on 'Short-term Business Statistics' in Maldives, 19-20 November 2012

The Course was provided by an expert from the Department of Statistics Malaysia and was attended by the related staff members of the Department of National Planning of Maldives. The training course on "Short-term Business Statistics" mainly focused on Business Cycle Indicators (BCI) including how to select indicators for BCI and how to construct BCI.

k. Training Course on 'Quarterly National Account' in Maldives, 26-28 November 2012

The Course was provided by an expert from the Department of Statistics Malaysia and was attended by the related staff members of the Department of National Planning of

Maldives. The training course on “Quarterly National Account” mainly covered the general concepts and structures pertaining to System of National Accounts and Quarterly National Accounts.

l. Training Course on 'Income and Consumption' in Qatar, 19-20 December 2012

The Course was provided by an expert from the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) and was attended by relevant staff members of the Qatar Statistics Authority (QSA). The training course mainly covered the issues pertaining to the household consumption and expenditure survey (HCES) and country experiences on HCES.

m. Training Course on 'External Trade Statistics' in Kuwait, 6-8 January 2013

The Course was provided by an expert from the Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat) and was attended by 15 staff members of the Central Statistical Office (CSO), Kuwait. The training course mainly covered the subjects concerning the International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) Classifications and how external trade statistics are processed in Turkey.

B. CONTINUOUS & PLANNED ACTIVITIES

1. Basic Social and Economic INDicators (BASEIND) Database

BASEIND is the main statistical database of the Centre. It currently contains data on 266 socio-economic variables under 18 categories for the 57 OIC member countries dating back to 1970 and serves as the primary statistical source for the Centre’s research activities and statistical publications. It is available online to benefit all those interested in the OIC community and elsewhere. The content of this database is regularly updated and enriched essentially on the basis of information collected from the national and international statistical sources.

2. Member Countries in Figures

This is a section of the Centre’s website where statistical data and information on each of the 57 member countries are available under four headings as follows: “General Information” “Location and Geography” summarizes the geographic and political data of the selected country. “Member Country in Figures” part includes data in tabular form related to the member countries from BASEIND while links to some important institutions such as Ministries, NSO, Central Bank, Universities in the country are provided in the last part titled “Special Links”.

3. SESRIC Motion Chart Generator

The SESRIC Motion Charts (SMC), the interactive and dynamic motion chart module, has been integrated with the BASEIND database and is available on the SESRIC web site. The SMC Module allows the users to dynamically explore the trends of several indicators over time based on statistical data hosted in the BASEIND Database. The produced charts are time series based bubble charts including two indicators from the BASEIND Database which can be customised by the user to have either linear or logarithmic scale(s) with alternative bubble sizes based on the related indicators.

4. SESRIC Motion Chart In-House Development Version

SESRIC is currently developing an in-house development version of the SMC Module to replace the current engine used on its website. The new SMC In-House Development Version (IHDV) employs the Flex technology for data processes as Flex is a powerful, open source application framework that allows anyone to easily build traditional applications for browser and desktop. One of the reasons for the re-development of the SESRIC SMC Module is the inflexibility of Google's application programming interface (API) on the handling of missing data. The current SESRIC SMC IHDV uses linear interpolation to handle missing data within indicators. As soon as the development is completed, the Member Countries will be able to get the source code from SESRIC for their usage.

5. Rosters of Statistics Experts

The website of the Centre includes the Roster of Statistics Experts aiming to facilitate communication between the statistical experts in the OIC member countries. The roster is expected to contribute significantly to useful exchange of information and experiences within the Islamic World and promote technical co-operation activities among statistical experts. The roster presents the contact details of the experts working in the relevant statistical fields. The records are updated as soon as the online application form is submitted by the experts.

6. OIC Statistical Newsletter

The Centre has been preparing, a semi-annual electronic publication titled "OIC-Statistical Newsletter" with the aim of informing a wider audience on the developments and initiatives taking place at different OIC institutions in the area of statistical capacity building since January 2010. This newsletter will also include news on the activities of the OIC-StatCom alongside the OIC Institutions, the NSOs of the Member Countries, and Other International Organisations in the field of statistics.

7. Press Releases from National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of the OIC member countries

The NSOs of the member countries regularly prepare and disseminate short reports related to their basic statistical indicators. SESRIC cooperates with the NSOs of the member countries to publish these reports in the Centre's Web Site under the section titled "Press Releases from National Statistical Offices". So far, press releases from Bangladesh, Iran, Jordan, Malaysia, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar and Turkey are being published in the website of the Centre. These reports will help researchers, policy makers and all concerned bodies in the member countries and elsewhere to reach the most recent changes related to basic indicators on the member countries from one common source rather than individually searching the website of each NSO.

8. Statistical Yearbook of the OIC Countries, 2013

The Statistical Yearbook of the OIC Countries is the Centre's major statistical publication and will be published with its new design. As in the previous publications basic socio-economic indicators will be covered for a period of 10 years from 2003 through 2012 on the areas of Agriculture, Demography, Education, Energy, Environment, Exports, Gender, Health, Imports, International Finance, Labour Force, National Accounts, Public Finance, Transportation and Communication and Tourism.

9. Demographic Structure and Dynamics of OIC Member Countries

A new publication will be prepared to highlight basic demographic characteristics (population, age and gender distribution, population growth, birth and death rates etc.) and changes in the demographic profile of the OIC member countries in the last decade by providing tabular and graphical presentation of the most recent indicators. In line with the Resolutions of the Second Session of OIC-StatCom, it will also include a comprehensive profile covering all the relevant phases of population and housing censuses and compiling the different country experiences and practices from OIC member countries in this regard.

10. Did You Know Module (DYK)

The Centre has launched a new module called "Did You Know?" in order to reflect striking facts about OIC member countries in a simple and user friendly way. The SESRIC DYK aims to highlight the current situation of OIC member countries on a specific socio-economic variable in a one-page snapshot format. The content of module is regularly updated and enriched with different indicators.

11. GraphOIC Module

The graphOIC section in the semi-annual Economic Cooperation and Development Review publication of SESRIC is a graphical depiction of a chosen statistical indicator or multiple indicators. The emphasis is on the effective use of charts, figures, maps and other graphical elements to attract the attention of reader for the chosen statistical indicator. The graphOIC will be soon ported to the OIC-StatCom website as a module with regular updates.

12. Thematic Maps

The Centre prepares thematic maps on OIC member countries focusing on the key themes ranging from GDP to foreign trade, demography to energy balance. The thematic maps display the comparative situation of the OIC member countries for the given theme with varying colours. The bar/line charts also accompany the maps to display the Top 10 OIC member countries for the theme in concern and performance of the OIC as a group with respect to world, developed and developing countries for a specific time interval.

13. The Fourth Session of OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom)

The Fourth Session of the OIC Statistical Commission will be held in April 2014. In the Fourth Session of OIC-StatCom, outcomes of the Technical Expert Committees will be discussed to give direction to their future activities. The forthcoming session's agenda will be drafted by the Bureau Members with a priority focus on the areas of progress reports of Technical Committees of Experts (TCE), statistical capacity development, emerging statistical issues and coordination among the NSOs, regional and international institutions towards more effective national statistical systems.

14. OIC-StatCom Technical Committee of Experts - 1: Statistical Indicators Specific to OIC Member Countries; Islamic Finance, Halal Food and Waqf Statistics

In the Second Session of OIC-StatCom, it was decided to follow a theme-based priority approach to identify a roadmap for depicting the relevant indicators specific to OIC member countries. Three themes, namely Islamic Banking and Finance, Halal Food and Products Industry and Waqf Statistics, are considered to be high priority. Accordingly, it was decided to establish Technical Committee of Experts (TCE) on the aforementioned three themes in this order. Major task of the TCE-1 is to develop conceptual and methodological background for the selected themes and to point out potential cooperation and collaborations mechanisms among NSOs of OIC member countries. Tentative work plan and draft background documents will be prepared and countries that are willing to take part in the activities of the working group will be specified.

15. OIC-StatCom Technical Committee of Experts - 3: Development of a Certification and Accreditation Programme for Statistical Professionals

The Central Informatics Organisation (CIO) of Bahrain had proposed to initiate a program on the “Accreditation of Statistical Professionals” specific to the OIC Member Countries in the First Session of the OIC-StatCom that was held in 2011, by considering the fact that it would be one of the useful tools for statistical capacity development through improving the statistical competencies of the statisticians working in the National Statistical Offices (NSOs) and other relevant government institutions. Based on this proposal, the OIC-StatCom Working Group on the Development of a Certification and Accreditation Programme for Statistical Professionals was established in accordance with the Resolutions of the First Session of the OIC-StatCom in 2011. This Working Group has developed conceptual and methodological background of this proposed accreditation program in its first year of action. Within this context, the entire procedures specific to the accreditation/certification process including development of the accreditation criteria and the measurement of these accreditation/certification criteria have been drafted and approved by the Second Session of the OIC-StatCom in 2012. The proposed Certification Program includes two different levels of certification according to the knowledge and experience of the currently employed statistical professionals in the NSOs and relevant government institutions in the following categories; Basic and Advanced Levels, for which application requirements vary in each level. As a first step, the Basic Level will be implemented by the Programme Secretariat starting in the second half of 2013.

16. Statistical Capacity Building Programme (StatCaB) in the OIC member countries

The StatCaB Programme aims to identify and implement training programmes by matching the capacities and needs of the National Statistical Offices (NSOs) in the member countries depending on the survey responses on Statistical Capacity Building. On some occasions, the Centre may also arrange trainings in collaboration with other international organizations. Since 2007, the Centre has organized 47 short-term training courses and six international workshops with the participation of hundreds of experts from the NSOs of OIC member countries. The Centre also plans to extend the scope of its StatCaB Programme by including consultancy and study visit components as well as short-term trainings. Accordingly, the StatCaB Questionnaire was revised and sent to the Member Countries in early 2012. Results of the survey analysed and based on the survey results, short-term training activities for the term 2012-2013 were planned in a way to ensure broader involvement from member countries. Within the framework of the StatCaB Programme, the Centre is planning to implement during the forthcoming period 27 training courses on different statistical aspects in the NSOs of 21 member countries. The Centre is also planning to organise the following Study Visit activities by sending experts to both member and non-member countries during the forthcoming period:

1. *Study Visit on Quality Management of Statistical Organisations in Terms of Data Collection Processes in the Statistics Sweden*
2. *Study Visit on Quality Control and Data Validation in the Turkish Statistical Institute*
3. *Study Visit on Census Survey Design in the BPS-Statistics Indonesia*
4. *Study Visit on Establishment of Farm Registers in the Statistics Netherlands*
5. *Study Visit on Establishment of Business Registers in the Institut National de la Statistique of Tunisia*
6. *Study Visit on Geographic Information Systems in Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) in Egypt*

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

In its capacity as the main socio-economic research organ of the OIC, the Centre continued to undertake research activities on various issues of concern to the OIC member countries with a view to analysing the prevailing situation at the OIC level and suggesting the appropriate policy actions that need to be taken in order to face the challenges and strengthen the intra-Islamic cooperation in the concerned areas.

These issues include, among others, the major economic developments in the Member States and the world, the ten priority areas/sectors of the OIC Plan of Action and those stipulated by the OIC 10-Year Programme of Action, such as agriculture, poverty, education, health, environment, science & technology, transportation, tourism, etc. Within this framework, the Centre continued to undertake extensive assignments to prepare technical background reports and research studies on several socio-economic cooperation issues placed on the agenda of various related OIC conferences and meetings, particularly the annual sessions of the COMCEC and the sectoral ministerial conferences of the OIC.

During the period under consideration, the details of the activities of the Centre in the field of social and economic research are as follows:

A. IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES

1. Annual Economic Report on the OIC Countries, 2012

This report analyses the economic situation in the OIC countries during the most recent five-year period for which the data are available. It examines the trends in the major economic

indicators of those countries and investigates their inter-linkages with those in both developing and developed countries and the world economy as a whole. This year's Report includes two special sections which highlight two important issues of concern to the member countries, namely energy resources and economics of natural disasters. The report also highlights a number of challenges confronting the OIC Member Countries in their efforts to further their economic development and progress.

This report was presented to the 28th Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul on 8-11 October 2012.

2. Education and Scientific Development in OIC Countries 2012-2013

This report analyses and examines the trends in the major indicators in the field of educational and scientific developments in the OIC member countries. It investigates these trends in a comparative manner with their counterparts in the group of developed countries, non-OIC developing countries as well as the world as a whole. In the first part, the report covers basic education indicators such as school age population, average years of schooling and literacy rates. It evaluates the trends in enrolment rate at all levels of education, including technical and vocational programmes. It also investigates the progression and completion in education and examines educational resources and teaching conditions, including government expenditures on education. The Second part of the report highlights the current stance of R&D and S&T in the OIC member countries through evaluating their average performance in terms of some related indicators such as human resources in R&D, R&D expenditures, high technology exports, scientific publications and patent applications. In so doing, the report highlights a number of constraints and challenges confronting the member countries in their efforts to foster their educational and scientific development.

This report was presented to the 6th Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research held in Khartoum, Sudan on 20-21 November 2012.

3. OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action 2013-2022 (OIC-HSPA)

In accordance with the decision adopted by the 5th Meeting of the OIC Health Steering Committee, which was held at the OIC Headquarters in Jeddah from 31 January to 01 February 2012, the Centre led the preparation of the draft OIC Strategic Health Program of Action 2013-2022. The OIC-SHPA 2013-2022 is a framework for cooperation among OIC member countries, OIC institutions and relevant international organizations in the field of health. The OIC-SHPA identifies six specific thematic areas of cooperation and programmes of action and activities to be implemented in the domain of health in the upcoming 10 years with a view to enhancing cooperation in these areas at intra-OIC level and contributing to the efforts towards improving health situation and systems in OIC countries.

This document will be submitted for adoption to the 4th Session of the Islamic Conference of Health Ministers, which will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia on 21-23 October 2013.

4. Managing Natural Disasters and Conflicts in OIC Countries: An Integrated Approach

In collaboration with IDB and other relevant international organizations, the Centre prepared a comprehensive study titled “Managing Natural Disasters and Conflicts in OIC Countries: An Integrated Approach”. The study identifies, assesses, and analyses the vulnerabilities in OIC countries to disaster hazards, including both natural and man-made and, based on such analyses, the study provides an input for OIC countries to help them developing effective disaster risk reduction strategies. In addition to all types of natural disasters, the study tackles conflict and man-made disasters as well. It utilizes all-phases approach of disaster risk management, including prevention, preparedness, response and recovery. The study includes some selected country case studies, namely Comoros, Palestine, Somalia and Sudan, regional case studies, namely Sub-Saharan Africa, Horn of Africa and CIS countries, and thematic case studies, namely drought, hunger and food insecurity in Africa.

The first draft of this document will be presented to the 29th Session of the COMCEC which will be held in Istanbul on 18-21 November 2013.

5. Economic Integration and Export Behaviour of SMEs

Based on the export behaviour of German SMEs in the Eurozone, this paper works out the potential implications for SMEs in the OIC member countries. Potential scenarios on the export behaviour of SMEs have been considered for different levels of economic integration. The paper was presented at the workshop on “Enhancing the Competitiveness of Small and Medium Sized Enterprises in the OIC Member States”, which has been organized by SESRIC, in collaboration with the IDB, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Organization of the Republic of Turkey (KOSGEB) and SME Corporation Malaysia (SME Corp Malaysia) in Ankara on 12-14 June 2012.

6. Immunization and Vaccine Industry in the OIC Countries

This document highlights the importance of childhood immunization in preventing the most common diseases like Measles, Meningitis, Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Hepatitis B, etc., and thus in reducing under-five year mortality rates. It examines the immunization rates in OIC countries, and shows that, in general, despite some improvement during the last couple of years, OIC countries are still lagging behind the averages of the world and other developing countries in terms of immunization. It emphasizes the need for improving

manufacturing capacities in the pharmaceutical industry in the OIC Member States where local industry covered a small portion of domestic pharmaceutical demand leading to heavy reliance on imports. The document was presented by the Centre at the meeting of vaccine manufacturers in OIC countries on “*Promoting Self Reliance in Production of Medicines and Vaccines-Meeting*” in Dubai, United Arab Emirates on 27-28 February 2013.

7. Natural Disasters and Conflicts in OIC Countries

This report provides a condense summary of the major indicators on natural disasters and conflicts in OIC countries as well as their implications based on the most recent available statistics. It highlights the increasing trend in the number of disasters in OIC countries and to stress the needs for immediate actions for comprehensive disaster risk management in these countries. The document was presented by the Centre at the side event on “Building Resilience for Sustainable Development in the OIC Member Countries: Accelerating Actions for Comprehensive Disaster Risk Management” during the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio +20) on 19 June 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

8. Occupational Safety and Health in OIC Countries

SESRIC will make a presentation on one of the main agenda items of the 2nd Conference of labour Ministers of the OIC Member States, which will be held on 23-26 April 2013 in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan. The presentation titled: “Occupational Safety and Health in OIC Countries” provides a brief overview of the status of occupational safety and health (OSH) in the member countries and discusses the major challenges and obstacles in promoting OSH. The presentation also highlights the initiative of SESRIC of OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network (OIC-OSHNET) and SESRIC Occupational Safety and Health Capacity Building Programme (OSH-CaB).

9. OIC Outlook Series

The following reports have been completed during the period under consideration and are available in the Centre’s website:

- 1- Gender Overview of OIC Member Countries
- 2- Wheat Production in OIC Countries: Prospects and Challenges
- 3- Economic Growth and Convergence across the OIC Countries: An Econometric Framework
- 4- Current State of Statistical Capacity in OIC Countries

- 5- Current Stance of Energy Resources and Potential in OIC Member Countries
- 6- Current Stance of Science and Technology in OIC Member Countries
- 7- OIC Countries and Natural Disasters: Assessment of Risk
- 8- Islamic Finance in OIC Countries

10. Economic Cooperation and Development Review (Vol. 5, No 2 and Vol. 6, No 1)

The issue of Volume 5, No. 2 includes an interview with H.E. Dr. Ahmet Davutoğlu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey. The interview focused on the views of H.E. the Minister Davutoğlu on various national, regional and global issues such as the impact of the current Turkish foreign policy at the regional and international level, particularly the new Turkish policy of zero problems with neighbours. The interview also reflected the views of H.E. the Minister Davutoğlu on the issue of the Arab Spring, particularly the case of Syria, and the expected role of the OIC in fostering cooperation and solidarity in the Muslim world? This issue also includes an article by Mr. Angel Gurría, Secretary-General of the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) titled “Supporting Inclusive Growth and Development with Better Policies for Better Lives”. In addition, SESRIC also contribute with two recent reports, namely: (1) Current Stance of Energy Resources and Potential in OIC Member Countries; and (2) Islamic Finance in OIC Member Countries.

11. Journal of Economic Cooperation and Development (Vol. 33 issues 2, 3 and 4 and Vol. 34 issues 1)

These issues of the Journal include original papers by authors in the member countries and elsewhere on important economic and social issues of concern to the OIC member countries. The Journal gives special attention to papers that deal with the potentials for and possibilities of promoting and expanding economic and technical cooperation among the member countries.

B. CONTINUOUS & PLANNED ACTIVITIES

1. Annual Economic Report on the OIC Countries, 2013

This report analyses the economic situation in the OIC countries during the most recent five-year period for which the data are available. It examines the trends in the major economic indicators of those countries and investigates their inter-linkages with those in both

developing and developed countries and the world economy as a whole. The report also highlights a number of challenges confronting the OIC Member Countries in their efforts to further their economic development and progress. In the light of these challenges, the Report proposes a set of recommendations to serve as policy guidelines for enhancing the development efforts of the OIC Member Countries at both the national and OIC cooperation levels.

This report will be presented to the 29th Session of the COMCEC which will be held in Istanbul on 18-21 November 2013.

2. State of Agricultural and Food Security in the OIC Member Countries: Opportunities for Cooperation

This report highlights the recent state as well as the constraints and challenges of agricultural development and food security in the OIC Member Countries. It tackles major related issues such as agricultural population and land use in agriculture, water resources and their use in agriculture, agriculture production and productivity, trade in agriculture commodities, food production and consumption, trade in food and food aid, undernourished people and impacts of food prices volatility. The report also proposes some policy recommendations and project proposals for enhancing OIC cooperation in this important area.

This report will be presented to the 7th OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development which will be held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 14-16 November 2013.

3. International Tourism in the OIC Countries: Prospects and Challenges

This report examines the performance and economic role of international tourism sector in OIC member countries in the latest five-year period for which the data are available. It analyses the major traditionally used indicators in measuring international tourism, i.e. international tourist arrivals, international tourism receipts and expenditures. The analysis is made at both the individual country and the OIC regional levels. The report also highlights the impacts of the global financial crisis of 2008-2009 on international tourism sector worldwide, and sheds light on the challenges of tourism development in the OIC countries and the issue of tourism cooperation among them and proposes some recommendations to serve as policy guidelines.

This report will be presented to the 8th Session of the Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers (ICTM) which will be held in Khartoum, Republic of Sudan in 2013.

4. Integration of Waqf and Islamic Microfinance in OIC Member Countries: An Agenda for Poverty Alleviation

This study will be prepared jointly with the International Islamic University of Malaysia. The study aims at developing and introducing an integrated Waqf-based Islamic Microfinance model that will address the needs of the poor people in OIC countries through optimizing the use of combined resources of Waqf and Islamic Microfinance Institutions (IMFIs) in these countries. This will enhance the effectiveness of IMFIs and Waqf institutions in addressing the socio-economic needs of the member countries, particularly the poverty alleviation programs. The model will then be sent through survey to the relevant Waqf and IMFIs stakeholders for verification. The study will also give emphasis on human capital development such as education and training related to the Waqf and IMFIs. It is expected that the output and policy recommendations of this study will significantly contribute towards the development of Waqf and IMFIs through optimization of their joint resources thus promoting the overall social welfare of societies in OIC member countries.

5. 9th International Conference on Islamic Economics and Finance (9th ICIEF)

The Centre, in cooperation with the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Group through its Islamic Research and Training Institute (IRTI), the International Association for Islamic Economics (IAIE), and the Qatar Foundation's Hamad Bin Khalifa University through its Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies (QFIS), and with the support of other stakeholders, will organize the Ninth International Conference on Islamic Economics And Finance (ICIEF). The Conference will be held for three days on 9-11 September 2013, in Istanbul, Turkey, under the theme "Growth, Equity and Stability: An Islamic Perspective". The Conference will provide a platform for dialogue and discussions between policy-makers, academics, researchers, graduate students, and practitioners to address the problems of poverty alleviation, inclusive economic growth, and macroeconomic stability from the perspective of the Islamic economics and finance discipline.

6. International Forum on Financial Systems (IFFS 2013)

Back-to-back with the 9th International Conference on Islamic Economics and Finance (ICIEF) and in cooperation with the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Group, Participation Bank Association of Turkey (TKBB), and Istanbul Stock Exchange (İMKB), the Centre will organise a comprehensive international forum which will focus on critical issues related to future of the global finance industry. The Forum will be held from 11 to 12 September 2013 in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on the theme "Sustainable Finance for Sustainable Development". The event will be under the auspices of the Presidency of the Republic of Turkey and inaugurated by His Excellency Abdullah Gül, President of the Republic of Turkey. The Forum will focus on industry-related issues and obstacles that the global

economic and financial system is facing and look into the merits of other alternative systems, including the emerging Islamic economics and finance as an economic and financial discipline which is based on the ethical and moral values of Islam. The Forum will also provide a distinct opportunity for critical and objective examination of the existing global conventional financial system, particularly its structural flaws (inability) to prevent global and regional financial and economic crises. Diverse views will be exchanged among world-renowned intellectuals including Nobel laureates and eminent economists, statesmen, leaders of international organisations as well as industry practitioners on the future of the global financial system.

7. OIC Outlook Series

Since November 2007, the Centre has been preparing short outlook reports on various socio-economic development issues related to the OIC Member Countries. Using the Centre's main database "BASEIND", these reports cover various socio-economic topics and present statistical information and analytical investigations as well as some policy implications on the topics in question. So far 36 OIC Outlook reports on various topics have been prepared and published in the Centre's website.

8. Journal of Economic Cooperation and Development

This is a quarterly Journal published by the Centre since 1979. It is a Journal of applied research in development economics and aims at enhancing cooperation among the members of the OIC. The material published in it derives mainly from contributions by authors in the member countries and elsewhere of original papers that deal with important economic and social issues of concern to the OIC Member Countries. It gives special attention to papers that deal with the potentials for and possibilities of promoting and expanding economic and technical cooperation among the member countries.

9. Economic Cooperation and Development Review

This is a biannual periodical of the Centre where the first issue has been published in September 2008. It features interviews with eminent personalities in the Islamic world and elsewhere, short articles on selected issues of economic growth, development and cooperation of immediate interest to the member countries, summaries of selected papers and reports prepared by the Centre itself, brief papers and news on current economic developments in individual member countries, and a section on titles and reviews of recently published books.

TRAINING AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION DEPARTMENT

In the field of training and technical cooperation, the Centre has further enhanced its cooperation with the most relevant national as well as international and regional organisations to provide high-level training opportunities to an increasing number of staff from our member countries in various fields and areas of socio-economic activity. The number of trainees who benefited from the Centre's various capacity building programmes and training courses/workshops continues to increase systematically.

In this connection, and within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme, three implemented Pilot Projects have turned into fully-fledged sub-programmes, namely OIC International Internship Programme (OIC-ISIP), İSMEK Master Trainer Programme (İMTP) and the OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network (OIC-OSHNET). A number of new capacity building programmes have been also initiated by SESRIC within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme, namely Agriculture Capacity Building Programme, Information and Communications Technology Capacity Building Programme, Capacity Building Programme on Poverty Alleviation, Skill Development for Youth Employment under the framework of OIC-VET Sub-Programme on Trade, Economy and Finance (OICVET-TEF), Tobacco Free OIC Initiative and E-Government Working Group Project.

In addition to these programmes, the Centre also plays an active role in the preparation and organization of some important regular OIC fora, such as the annual exchange of views sessions of the COMCEC, the annual sessions of the OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCOM) and the annual meetings of the Central Banks and Monetary Authorities of OIC Member Countries. The Centre also organises several workshops and meetings in various fields in collaboration with national, international and regional organisations for the benefit of the OIC Member Countries.

The details of the training and technical cooperation activities during the period under consideration are as follows:

A. *IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES*

1. VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR OIC MEMBER COUNTRIES (OIC-VET)

The details of the implemented activities during the period under the framework of OIC-VET Programme are as follows:

a. İSMEK Master Trainer Programme (İMTP)

İSMEK Master Trainer Programme, which is developed jointly by SESRIC and the Centre for Art and Vocational Training Courses of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (İSMEK) to

provide intensive free training courses to master trainers from OIC Member Countries continues in various subjects under different categories.

i. Study Visit on 'Vocational Education Experiences of ISMEK'

On 25 June 2012, SESRIC organized a study visit on “Vocational Education Experiences of ISMEK” in collaboration with the Centre for Art and Vocational Training Courses of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (ISMEK) in Istanbul, Turkey with the participation of representatives from the Ministry of Employment and Vocational Training (MEVT) of the Kingdom of Morocco. The delegation firstly visited various centres of ISMEK and received detailed information on the current activities and implemented projects.

ii. Master Trainers from Azerbaijan Awarded with İMTP Certificate

Within the framework of İSMEK Master Trainer Programme (İMTP), a group of eight master trainers from different vocational schools of the Republic of Azerbaijan received training at the Centre for Art and Vocational Training Courses of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (İSMEK) on 12-17 November 2012 in Istanbul, Turkey. Azerbaijani Master Trainers received trainings at a number of İSMEK training Centres in Istanbul on the subjects of “Sewing Women’s Clothes”, “Assistant Designer of Women’s Clothing” and “Cream Cake, Biscuits and Sweets”. The six-day training programme has been hosted by İSMEK and participants were rewarded with certificates.

iii. Master Trainers from Senegal Awarded with İMTP Certificate

A group of eight master trainers from different vocational schools of the Republic of Senegal received training at the Centre for Art and Vocational Training Courses of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (İSMEK) with the support of Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency (TIKA) on 26 November-4 December 2012 in Istanbul, Turkey. Senegalese Master Trainers received trainings on the subjects of “Ebru (Marbling)” and “Filography”. The six-day training programme has been hosted by İSMEK and participants were rewarded with certificates.

iv. Master Trainers from Egypt Awarded with İMTP Certificate

Within the framework of İSMEK Master Trainer Programme (İMTP), a group of eight master trainers from different vocational schools of the Arab Republic of Egypt received training at the Centre for Art and Vocational Training Courses of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (İSMEK) on 17-25 February 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey. Egyptian Master Trainers received trainings at a number of İSMEK training Centres in İstanbul on the subjects of “Machine

Embroidery” and “Sewing Women’s Outer Clothing”. The six-day training programme has been hosted by İSMEK and participants were rewarded with certificates.

v. *Master Trainers from Guinea Awarded with İMTP Certificate*

A group of four master trainers from different vocational schools of the Republic of Guinea received training at the Centre for Art and Vocational Training Courses of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (İSMEK) on 11-17 March 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey. Guinean Master Trainers received trainings on the subjects of “Aluminium Relief” and “Wood Decorating”. The six-day training programme has been hosted by İSMEK and participants were rewarded with certificates.

b. OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network (OIC-OSHNET)

i. *26th Occupational Safety and Health Week in the Republic of Turkey*

Occupational Safety and Health Week (OSH-WEEK) is organized every year on 4-10 May by the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of the Republic of Turkey (MoLSS) to discuss the current situation of OSH in Turkey. The 26th OSH-WEEK activities were held on 4 May 2012 in Sanliurfa, Republic of Turkey. Occupational Accidents in Agriculture and Importance of Occupational Safety, Health Risks and Protection against Occupational Diseases in Agriculture and Importance of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in Agriculture were the main topics discussed during the sessions. SESRIC attended the event and were awarded the plaque of appreciation by Turkish Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (ISGUM) to acknowledge SESRIC’s efforts in organizing various meetings on the side-lines of the XIX World Congress on Safety and Health at Work.

ii. *Second Meeting of OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network (OIC-OSHNET)*

The second meeting of OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network (OIC-OSHNET) has been organized by SESRIC, in collaboration with the General Directorate of Occupational Health and Safety (DGOHS) operating under the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of the Republic of Turkey (MoLSS), on 4-6 March 2013, in Ankara, Turkey. The meeting was attended by experts of occupational health and safety from 17 OIC Member Countries. The meeting adopted a number of recommendations regarding the establishment of a working group to work on five years plan of action for the OIC-OSHNET for the period of 2014-2019 and the enhancement of the OIC-OSHNET Portal, designation of NFPs for the OIC-OSHNET and preparation of country profiles. As part of the programme, participants also visited the testing facilities of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), Department of Market Surveillance and witnessed the test of various PPE’s at DGOHS in Ankara.

iii. E-Mail Group among the National Focal Points (NFPs) of OIC-OSHNET

The Centre has established an e-mail group among the National Focal Points (NFPs) of OIC-OSHNET in order to facilitate the communication and increase the effectiveness of the Network.

c. OIC-VET Sub-Programme on Trade, Economy and Finance (OICVET-TEF)

Trade, Economy and Finance (OICVET-TEF) programme is a sub programme under the OIC-VET Programme initiated in collaboration with the IDB and includes the following proposed training projects:

- i. Networking and Knowledge Sharing Programme for Trade Professionals;
- ii. Certificate Programme on Trade,
- iii. Scholarship Programme on Trade, Economy and Finance;
- iv. Skill Development for Youth Employment (Study Visit); and
- v. Training of Trainers in Agriculture Sector.

i. Phase II of 'Skill Development for Youth Employment (SDYE) Project': Field Visit in Cameroon

As a second phase of “Skill Development for Youth Employment” project, a field visit was organized by the SESRIC in partnership with IDB, Ministry of National Education and the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Republic of Turkey, Turkish Employment Agency and Economic and Trade University of TOBB (TOBB-ETU), on 28 November – 3 December 2012 in Yaoundé, Republic of Cameroon. A joint mission composed of members from abovementioned institutions visited relevant Ministries, private organizations, NGOs, public institutions, vocational schools and enterprises in order to identify the potential areas of intervention and assessing the possibility of replicating the “Skill 10” project of Turkey in Cameroon. During the field visit, a “Road Map” was developed through a cooperative process involving all stakeholders. The road map consists of two phases where each step is described in detail. The first phase, the preliminary phase involves desk review and preparation of surveys, training on Labour Market Analysis, undertaking Labour Market Analysis and Needs Assessments. After the implementation of Phase I, all the stakeholders in this Project will come together to outline the roadmap for the second phase in transferring the “Skill 10” and building the capacity of the vocational education system in Cameroon.

d. OIC Poverty Alleviation Programme (OIC-PAP)

Within the framework of OIC-VET Programme, SESRIC has initiated OIC Poverty Alleviation Programme (OIC-PAP) to have more active and vital role in coordination of all

possible future events, trainings, capacity building programmes, research and other activities in poverty alleviation field in the Member Countries.

i. Study Visit to King Abdullah Waqf and Islamic Development Bank

On 23-29 June 2012, SESRIC organized a study visit to King Abdullah Bin Abdul-Aziz Foundation and Islamic Development Bank jointly with the Ministry of Family and Social Policy of the Republic of Turkey to share the experiences of developmental housing and to explore the possibilities of further cooperation in the field of social assistance and poverty alleviation. The visit included a delegation composed of decision makers and experts of the Ministry of Family and Social Policy of Turkey.

e. SESRIC Tobacco Free OIC Initiative

Tobacco Free OIC is a new initiative of SESRIC in response to the spread of tobacco epidemic in the OIC Member Countries. Tobacco Free OIC initiative aims to foster an OIC-wide coordinated approach to curb and control the spread of tobacco epidemic in the OIC Member Countries. This initiative focuses on trainings, workshops, study visits and capacity building programs to facilitate the development and implementation of sustainable national tobacco control strategies in the OIC Member Countries.

i. Study Visit on 'Tobacco Control Policies'

SESRIC has organized, in cooperation with the Tobacco Market Regulatory Authority of the Republic of Turkey (TAPDK) and the Country Office of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Turkey, a study visit in Erzurum, Republic of Turkey on 20-21 June 2012. The aim of the visit was to share the practices and exchange expertise on tobacco control issues. Representatives of Azerbaijan, Egypt, Indonesia, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan and Qatar have attended the visit.

f. The Fourth Meeting of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee (MAC) of the OIC-VET Programme

The 4th Meeting of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee (MAC) of the OIC-VET Programme was held on 26-28 November 2012 in Yaoundé, Republic of Cameroon. The meeting was hosted by Ministry of Employment and Professional and Technical Training (MINEFOP) of Cameroon and was attended by the delegations of the National Focal Points (NFPs) of 18 OIC Member States. The representatives of the concerned OIC institutions, namely IDB, ICYEN, IUT and SESRIC, and OIC-VET partners, namely ISMEK, ISGUM, MUSIAD, TOBB and ISKUR were also present in the meeting. The main purpose of the meeting was to review the progress since the 3rd Meeting of MAC and to discuss the ways

and means of collaboration within the scope of on-going and planned projects under the framework of OIC-VET Programme. The participants expressed their satisfaction of the implemented activities and adopted a number of decisions and recommendations for the coming period until the next MAC Meeting. The Meeting also agreed on possible areas and projects promoted by the NFPs of the Programme for consideration and implementation.

2. TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES

In addition to the on-going programmes and projects under the framework of OIC-VET Programme, the Centre has also actively involved in organising several workshops and meetings in various fields in collaboration with national, international or regional organisations for the benefit of the OIC Member Countries.

The details of the technical cooperation activities during the period under consideration are as follows:

a. OIC-UN General Coordination Meeting

SESRIC attended the OIC-UN General Meeting on Cooperation which was held on 1-3 May 2012 in Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting reviewed the cooperation activities between the institutions of the two organizations and evaluated the progress which has been achieved in priority areas of political dimensions and socio-economic development since the last meeting held in Istanbul on 29 June - 1 July 2010. The meeting further discussed the ways and means to enhance the mechanism of cooperation between the institutions of the two organizations.

b. The Annual Meeting of the Central Banks and Monetary Authorities of the OIC Member Countries

i. Meeting of Central Banks and Monetary Authorities of the Member Countries of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) – 2012

In its capacity as the Secretariat of the annual meetings of the Central Banks and Monetary Authorities of the OIC Member Countries, the Centre has organized the 2012 Meeting in collaboration with the Central Bank of Turkey in Istanbul on 15 May 2012 under the theme “Promoting Strong and Stable Capital Flows among OIC Countries: Roles of the Financial Sector and Central Banks”.

c. Memorandum of Understanding between SESRIC and IFSB

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between SESRIC and IFSB on 16-17 May 2012 in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, prior to the 9th IFSB Summit. In the

operationalization of the MoU, the IFSB and SESRIC will be participating together in relevant activities related to training and education; undertaking the development of joint research and publications; and building awareness among the industry players through joint conferences, seminars, workshops, roundtables and trainings.

d. Brainstorming Workshop on the Preparation of the OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action (2013-2022)

In its capacity as the leading OIC institution for the preparation of the OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action 2013-2022 (OIC-SHPOA), SESRIC organized a brainstorming workshop on 11-12 June 2012 in Ankara to discuss and finalize the structure of the OIC-SHPOA document. The workshop was attended by the experts representing following members of the OIC Steering Committee on Health: Kazakhstan, Djibouti, Saudi Arabia, OIC General Secretariat, SESRIC, IDB, COMSTECH, ISESCO, WHO, and Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The workshop was also attended by experts from Turkish Ministry of Health, TOBB University, Harvard School of Public Health and Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL).

e. Workshops on the themes of the COMCEC Exchange of Views Sessions

In its capacity as the coordinator institution of the Exchange of Views Sessions of the COMCEC, the Centre plays an active role in exploring the views of the member countries on the proposed themes of these sessions through circulating the relevant questionnaire annually to all member countries on the subject and reporting the results to the main COMCEC sessions. The Centre also organizes, in collaboration with the IDB and other national and international institutions, the preparatory workshop on the selected theme of the COMCEC Exchange of Views Session. In this context, and during the period under consideration, the Centre organized the following workshop:

1. Workshop on “Enhancing the Competitiveness of Small and Medium Sized Enterprises in the OIC Member States”

In accordance with the decision of the 27th Session of COMCEC, SESRIC organized, in collaboration with the IDB, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Organization of the Republic of Turkey (KOSGEB) and SME Corporation Malaysia (SME Corp Malaysia), a workshop on ‘Enhancing the Competitiveness of Small and Medium Sized Enterprises in the OIC Member States’ in Ankara, Republic of Turkey, on 12-14 June 2012. The workshop focused on the following four sub-themes related to SMEs in OIC countries: (1) Access to Markets; (2) Access to finance; (3) Access to Technology and Innovation; and (4) Country Practices and Experiences. The workshop elaborated on and discussed a set of policy recommendations for enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs in the member countries. It

also proposed certain modalities for cooperation among the member countries in this important area.

f. A Side Event on Disaster Risk Management during Rio+20

SESRIC organized, in cooperation with IDB, a side event during Rio+20 Conference on 19 June 2012, titled 'Building Resilience for Sustainable Development in the OIC Member Countries: Accelerating Actions for Comprehensive Disaster Risk Management'. The event focused on one of the seven critical topics on the agenda of the Rio Conference - Disasters - with the aim of generating higher level of awareness among policy makers and experts in the OIC member countries with regard to the need for a comprehensive disaster risk management strategy as an integral part of their overall national development strategy.

g. 2nd International Workshop on Cleanroom Training for Critical and Sustainable Technologies: Lab on a Chip

SESRIC has co-organized with the National Nanotechnology Research Centre (UNAM) and United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the 2nd International Workshop on Cleanroom Training for Critical and Sustainable Technologies programme on 25 June – 8 July 2012 in Ankara, Turkey. The workshop has been supported by Turkish Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology (MoSIT), Turkish International Cooperation & Coordination Agency (TIKA) and the Turkish Ministry of Development. The workshop, which has brought together 40 participants, 30 of them are from developing countries and transition economies, has opened a way for collaboration and cooperation between all the attendees and provided them with highly valuable technical knowledge.

h. Memorandum of Understanding between SESRIC and Aegean International Health Federation (ESAFED)

SESRIC and Aegean International Federation of Health (ESAFED) signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 10 September 2012 at the new Headquarters of SESRIC. The MoU aims to develop cooperation between two institutions to further increase the quantity, quality and scope of the health trainings implemented under the framework of Ibni Sina Health Capacity Building Programme. In the operationalization of the MoU, SESRIC and ESAFED will be undertaking the implementation of joint trainings and projects, in collaboration with other international and regional organizations, for OIC Member Countries. They will also focus on the training of health professionals and healthcare staff working in health institutions.

i. Regional Workshop on Matching Literacy Programmes with Income-generating Activities of Women

The Regional Workshop on matching literacy programmes with income-generating activities of women was organised by the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) in collaboration with SESRIC and the Cameroon National Commission for UNESCO and held in Yaoundé, Cameroon on 24-26 September 2012. The workshop brought together 18 literacy officials from 9 African OIC countries, namely Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Mali, Niger and Senegal. The workshop was aimed at boosting the capacities of literacy officials of the African region for developing and implementing literacy projects linked to income-generating activities for women.

j. Atlas of Islamic World Science and Innovation

- i. *Memorandum of Understanding between SESRIC and the Kazakhstan National Agency for Technological Development JSC (NATD)*

SESRIC and the Kazakhstan National Agency for Technological Development JSC (NATD) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to enhance cooperation between the two organisations following the 'Atlas of Islamic-World Science and Innovation Project'. The signing took place during the Kazakh-Turkish Business Forum, held on 12 October 2012 in Istanbul with the presence and support of H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, and H.E. Nursultan Nazarbayev, President of Republic of Kazakhstan. In the operationalization process of the MoU, two organisations will cooperate and coordinate on exchanging information, preparing of documents and programs in the field of innovation activity, and organizing special seminars and training programmes on innovation.

k. Memorandum of Understanding between SESRIC and International Anatolian Health Federation (USAF)

SESRIC and International Anatolian Health Federation (USAF) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop an institutional collaboration for IbnSina Health Capacity Building Programme on 10 December 2012 at the new headquarters of SESRIC. The objective of the MoU is to foster a stronger relationship between the two parties p for the improvement of training courses on health related issues. The MoU is also intended to provide health professionals and personnel with comprehensive training programmes particularly in the fields of diabetes, hypertension and pregnancy care ultrasonography.

l. First Interim Meeting of the Working Group on Liquidity Management in Islamic Finance

SESRIC and Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) organised the First Interim Meeting of the Working Group on Liquidity Management in Islamic Finance. The Meeting was held on 20 December 2012 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, under the hospitality of BNM. A total of 8

representatives from 5 central banks and monetary authorities of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) member countries attended the Meeting.

m. First Interim Meeting of the Working Group on Macro-Prudential Regulations

SESRIC and Central Bank of United Arab Emirates (UAE) organised the First Interim Meeting of the Working Group on Macro-Prudential Regulations. The Meeting was held on 23 December 2012 in Abu Dhabi, UAE, under the hospitality of Central Bank of UAE. A total of 10 representatives from 7 central banks and monetary authorities of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) member countries attended the Meeting.

n. Memorandum of Understanding between SESRIC and World Bank

SESRIC and the World Bank signed a Memorandum of Understanding to pace up bilateral cooperation in the area of Islamic economics and finance. The agreement is envisaged to allow the two institutions to mutually leverage on their expertise to achieve their common objective of promoting the development of Islamic economics and finance and its expansion at the global scale.

o. Workshop on “Current Status and Future Perspectives of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries” in Somalia

SESRIC organised, in collaboration with Aegean International Federation of Health (ESAFED) and Turkish Cooperation and Development Agency (TIKA), a workshop on “Current Status and Future Perspectives of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries in Somalia” on 02-04 February 2013 in Mogadishu, Federal Republic of Somalia. The seminars of the workshop were delivered by nine selected academicians from various universities of Turkey and attended by H.E. Mr Abdirisak Mohamed Omar, Minister, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ambassadors and 84 people including lecturers and students of Agriculture and Veterinary Faculties of Somalia, veterinaries and representatives of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs).

p. Memorandum of Understanding between SESRIC and General Directorate of Turkish Post (PTT)

SESRIC and General Directorate of Turkish Post (PTT) signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 13 February 2013 in Ankara, Republic of Turkey to boost joint cooperation and exchange of expertise in the field of postal communications and telecommunication. The key objective of the MoU is to strengthen the existing cooperation relations in various postal services in order to develop and upgrade the quality of postal services among OIC Member

Countries. The MoU would also form the foundation for capacity building and extension support to postal services to establish a Postal Union among OIC Member Countries.

q. Experts Advisory Group Meeting on the Draft OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action (OIC-SHPA) 2013-2022

SESRIC organized an Experts Advisory Group Meeting (EAGM) on 18-19 February 2013 at its Headquarters in Ankara to review the draft OIC-SHPA 2013-2022 document. SESRIC prepared this document in accordance with the decision of the 2nd Islamic Conference of Health Ministers (Tehran, March 2009) and upon a request by the OIC Steering Committee on Health. The EAGM was attended by the delegates from 15 OIC member countries and eight OIC and international institutions.

r. Intensive Training Course on the Multilateral Trading System and Accession to the WTO for senior officials from the Republic of Iraq

SESRIC hosted in its Headquarters the Intensive Training Course on the Multilateral Trading System and Accession to the WTO provided for officials from the Republic of Iraq. The event was jointly organized by the IDB and UNCTAD. The course was attended by 15 participants representing the Office of the Prime Minister and a number of relevant Iraqi ministries. The private sector was represented by the Iraqi Union of Chambers of Industry.

3. CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMMES (CBPs)

During the period under consideration, the following training courses were organized by the Centre under the following various capacity building programmes as follows:

a. OIC Agriculture Capacity Building Programme (OIC-AgriCaB)

- Food and Life Safety Support Programme in Nouakchott, Mauritania

SESRIC and the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) jointly organised “Food and Life Safety Support Programme” in Nouakchott, Mauritania, on 5-10 May 2012. The trainings were provided by academicians from various universities of Turkey. 33 veterinary surgeons, food engineers, medical and private sector staff from food sector attended this programme. The aim was to enhance the capacities in producing red meat, fish and other food in compliance with international level of standards.

- Training Course on ‘Agronomy: Crop Management’ in Mozambique

The Centre organised training on “Agronomy: Crop Management” at the Mozambique Institute for Cotton in Maputo, Mozambique, on 14-16 January 2013. The course was provided by Dr Said Abd El-Tawab Farag Hamoda, an expert from Agricultural Research Centre in Egypt, and was attended by agronomists, researchers and technicians from public and private sector.

- ***Training Course on ‘Agronomy: Soil Tillage’ in Uganda***

The Centre organised training on “Agronomy: Soil Tillage” at the Cotton Development Organisation (CDO) in Kampala, Uganda, on 15-17 January 2013. The course was provided by Prof Sheikh El Din Abdel Gadir El-Awad, an expert from Agricultural Research Corporation (ARC) in Sudan, and was attended by 18 scientists dealing with cotton production of the CDO of Uganda.

- ***Training Course on ‘Agronomy: Crop Rotation’ in Mozambique***

The Centre organised training on “Agronomy: Crop Rotation” at the Mozambique Institute for Cotton in Maputo, Mozambique, on 17-18 January 2013. The course was provided by Dr Said Abd El-Tawab Farag Hamoda, an expert from Agricultural Research Centre in Egypt, and was attended by agronomists, researchers and technicians from public and private sector.

- ***Training Course on ‘Crop Cultivation: Cultivation of Arable Crops’ in Sudan***

The Centre organised training on “Crop Cultivation: Cultivation of Arable Crops” at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation of Republic of the Sudan, on 29-31 January 2013. The course was provided by Dr Abbas Ajeel Mohammed, an expert from Ministry of Agriculture of Iraq, and was attended by approximately 25 scientists, farmers, and officers.

- ***Training Course on ‘Land Management: Soil Analysis and Mapping’ in Lebanon***

The Centre organised training on “Land Management: Soil Analysis and Mapping” at Lebanese Ministry of Agriculture, on 4-6 February 2013. The course was provided by Ms Fatinah Rashid Abdulteef, an expert from Ministry of Agriculture of Iraq, and was attended by Mohamad Abou Daher, Head of Agriculture Education and Training Department of Lebanese Ministry of Agriculture, scientists, agriculturists, and officers.

b. OIC Cotton Training Programme (OIC-CTP)

- ***Training Course on ‘Fiber Technology: Contamination’ in Togo***

The Centre organised training on “Fiber Technology: Contamination” at the New Cotton Company of Togo (NSCT) in Atakpamé, Togo, on 20-22 December 2012. The course was provided by Mr Papa Fata NDIAYE, an expert from Society for Development of Textile (SODEFITEX) in Senegal, and was attended by scientists dealing with cotton production of the New Cotton Company of Togo (NSCT).

- ***Training Course on ‘Fiber Technology: Lint Quality’ in Mali***

The Centre organised training on “Fiber Technology: Lint Quality” at the Malian Company for Textile Development (CMDT) in Koutiala, Mali, on 15-17 October 2012. The Course was provided by Mr. Idy Ka, an expert from Society for Development of Textile (SODEFITEX) in Senegal, and was attended by approximately 20 scientists dealing with cotton production in the Malian Company for Textile Development (CMDT).

- ***Training Course on ‘Plant Protection: Diseases and Insects’ in Sudan***

The Centre organised training on “Plant Protection: Diseases and Insects” at the Agricultural Research Corporation (ARC) of Sudan, on 27-29 August 2012. The Course provided by Prof. Isa Onu, an expert from the Institute for Agriculture Research, Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria, Nigeria, and attended by 26 scientists and agricultural protectionists dealing with cotton production at the Agricultural Research Corporation (ARC) of Sudan.

- ***Training Course on ‘Cotton Diseases and Control’ in Azerbaijan***

The Centre organised training on “Plant Protection: Cotton Diseases and Control” at the Cotton Research Institute in Azerbaijan, on 11-13 June 2012. The Course was provided by Dr. Oktay Erdoğan, an expert from the Nazilli Cotton Research Institute of Turkey, and was attended by 39 technical personnel from the Cotton Research Institute in Azerbaijan and by Nazim Nadirov, Head of Department, Azerbaijan State Agrarian University (ASAU).

- ***Training Course on ‘Agronomy: Fertilization’ in Uganda***

The Centre organised training on “Agronomy: Fertilization” at the Cotton Development Organisation of Uganda, on 11-13 June 2012. The Course was provided by Prof. Dr. N. C. Kuchinda, an expert from the Institute for Agricultural Research, Ahmadu Bello University in Nigeria, and was attended by 16 field extension workers and cotton researchers of the Cotton Development Organisation of Uganda who have expertise on cotton agronomy issues.

c. Environment Capacity Building (Environment-CaB) Programme

- ***Training Course on ‘Water Resources Management’ in Azerbaijan***

The Centre organised training on “Water Resources Management” at the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan, on 6-7 February 2013. The course was provided by Ms. Saliha Değirmencioğlu, an expert from Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs of the Republic of Turkey, and was attended by approximately 25 participants from different organisations such as Azersu and Melioration and Water Economy Joint-Stock Companies (JSCs).

d. Capacity Building Programme for Central Banks (CB-CaB)

- *Training Course on Reserve Management in Kyrgyzstan*

The Centre organized a training programme on “Reserve Management” at the National Bank of Kyrgyz Republic on 23-24 May 2012 within the framework of OIC Central Banks Capacity Building Programme. The Course was provided by Mr. Suat Aydin, senior portfolio manager from the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey, and was attended by relevant members of the National Bank of Kyrgyz Republic.

- *Training Course on Islamic Financial Instruments in Turkey*

The Centre organized a training programme on “Islamic Financial Instruments” at the Central Bank of Turkey on 26-28 June 2012 within the framework of OIC Central Banks Capacity Building Programme. The Course was provided by Dr. Eko Adi Irianto, Manager in Department of Islamic Banking and Mr. Agung Bayu Purwoko, Manager in Department of Monetary Operation from the Bank Indonesia, and was attended by relevant members of the Central Bank of Turkey.

- *Training Course on Risk Management in Islamic Financial Instruments in Tajikistan*

The Centre organized a training programme on “Risk Management in Islamic Financial Instruments” at the National Bank of Republic of Tajikistan on 11-12 July 2012 within the framework of OIC Central Banks Capacity Building Programme. The Course has been provided by Dr. Rifki Ismal, Researcher at Directorate of Islamic Banking from the Bank Indonesia, and was attended by relevant members of the National Bank of Republic of Tajikistan.

- *Training Programme on “Macroeconomic Modelling” in Kazakhstan*

The Centre organised a training programme on “Macroeconomic Modelling” at the National Bank of Kazakhstan on 21-22 November 2012, within the framework of OIC Central Banks

Capacity Building Programme. The Course was provided by Mr. Hüseyin Çağrı Akkoyun, expert of the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey, and attended by relevant members of the National Bank of Kazakhstan.

- ***Training Programme on 'Inflation Targeting' at the Central Bank of Republic of Azerbaijan***

The Centre organised a training programme on “Inflation Targeting” at the Central Bank of Republic of Azerbaijan on 19-21 December 2012, within the framework of OIC Central Banks Capacity Building Programme. The Course was provided by Ms. Neslihan Kaya, expert of the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey with participation of relevant members of Central Bank of Republic of Azerbaijan.

e. Stock Exchanges Capacity Building Programme (SEP)

- ***Training Course on 'Islamic Financial Instruments' in Sultanate of Oman***

The Centre organised, in collaboration with Arab Federation of Exchanges (AFE), a training course on “Islamic Financial Instruments” within the framework of the OIC Capacity Building Programme for Stock Exchanges (OIC-SEP) on 5-6 March 2013 in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman. The course was provided by Mr. Agung Bayu Purwoko, Manager in Department of Monetary Operations at Bank Indonesia, and was attended by experts from member institutions of the Arab Federation of Exchanges.

f. IbnSina Programme for Health Capacity Building (IbnSina-HCaB)

- ***Training Programme on 'Modern Hospital Management Trends' in Sana'a, Yemen***

The Centre organized training programme on “Modern Hospital Management Trends” at Ministry of Health of Yemen on 24-25 June 2012. The training programme was provided by Prof. Adnan Kisa, Head of Zirve University (Turkey), and Prof. Fevzi Akinci, Dean of Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences of Zirve University (Turkey). The course was attended by mid-career and senior-level decision-makers as well as managers who are actively involved in planning and/or directing government-initiated health sector reforms. The course provided the participants an intensive and state-of-the-art knowledge on health sector reforms, hospital management trends.

- ***Training Programme on “Hospital and Health Care Facilities Management and Administration” in Yemen***

The Centre organized the second phase of the training programme on “Hospital and Health Care Facilities Management and Administration”, in collaboration with Aegean International Health Federation, at Ministry of Health of Yemen on 28 September-02 October 2012. The training programme was provided by the members of Aegean International Health Federation namely Assist. Prof. Abdülkadir Civan, Gediz University (Turkey), Faculty of Medicine Assist. Prof. Ali Coşkun, Fatih University (Turkey), Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences and Dr. Ali Iravul, Deputy Director, Izmir Health Directorate.

- ***Training Course on “Pediatric Emergency Medicine” in Mogadishu, Somalia***

The Centre organized, in collaboration with Aegean International Federation of Health (ESAFED) and Turkish Cooperation and Development Agency (TIKA), a training programme on “Pediatric Emergency Medicine” on 01 November 2012-31 January 2013 in Mogadishu, Republic of Somalia. The training course was conducted by Dr. Lokman Çam, pediatrician in Kayseri Maternity and Child Hospital, Republic of Turkey.

- ***Training Course on ‘Minimally Invasive Surgery’ in Assiut, Egypt***

The Centre organised, in collaboration with Aegean International Federation of Health (ESAFED) and Egypt Assiut University, a training programme on “Minimally Invasive Surgery” at the Assiut University in Assiut, Arab Republic of Egypt, on 06-10 February 2013. The course was provided by Assoc. Prof. Seyda ORS KAYA, Op.Dr.Kenan Can Ceylan and Munevver Ulutas, and was attended by operating surgeons of the Assiut University.

B. CONTINUOUS & PLANNED ACTIVITIES

1. Vocational Education and Training Programme for OIC-Member Countries (OIC-VET)

The following activities and projects are under the process of implementation and planned to be finalised during the next year:

a. İSMEK Master Trainer Programme

The Centre will coordinate training programmes for groups of master trainers from Cameroon, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia in May and June 2013 respectively within the framework of İSMEK Master Trainer Programme (İMTP). In this context, the Centre for Art and Vocational Training Courses of İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality (İSMEK) will provide free training courses to master trainers from various institutions in Cameroon,

Kuwait and Saudi Arabia under requested branches of Philography, Marbling, Computerised Styling, Wood Painting and Varnishing and Silver Jewellery Handwork.

b. OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network (OIC-OSHNET)

At the end of the second OIC-OSHNET meeting, participants recommended establishing a working group to work on OIC-OSHNET vision and to draft five years plan of action for the period of 2014-2019. Taking this recommendation into account, OIC-OSHNET vision and plan of action will be finalized by December 2013 under the coordination of SESRIC with support of Malaysia, Kuwait, Mauritania, Turkey and Yemen. In line with the recommendations, SESRIC also will review the current questionnaire of Occupational Safety and Health Capacity Building Programme (OIC-OSHCaB) and circulate it to member countries by June 2013.

c. OIC-VET Sub-Programme on Trade, Economy and Finance (OICVET-TEF)

i. Skill Development for Youth Employment (SDYE)

According to the “Road Map” developed through a cooperative process involving all stakeholders at the end of a field visit implemented on 28 November – 3 December 2012 in Yaoundé, Republic of Cameroon, the total duration of the first phase including desk review and preparation of surveys, training on Labour Market Analysis, undertaking Labour Market Analysis and Needs Assessments will be 6 months and expected to be finalized at the end of 2013. After the implementation of Phase I, all the stakeholders in this Project will come together to outline the roadmap for the second phase in transferring the “Skill 10” and building the capacity of the vocational education system in Cameroon.

d. OIC International Student Internship Programme (OIC-ISIP)

The OIC-ISIP programme is currently operates fully as an internationally recognised internship programme under the International Business Forum (IBF) which is organised annually by the Turkish Independent Industrialists and Businessmen's Association (MÜSİAD), with the aim of providing the basic training needs of the university students in OIC Countries. During August-September 2013, SESRIC will organize, in cooperation with Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and Turkish Independent Industrialists and Businessmen's Association (MÜSİAD) an internship programme with a group of 25 students from 5 Member Countries in engineering and technology-related fields, in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey.

e. OIC Poverty Alleviation Programme (OIC-PAP)

i. Study Visits to Arab Republic of Egypt and Republic of Tunisia

Within the framework of OIC Poverty Alleviation Programme (OIC-PAP), SESRIC will organize study visits to Ministry of Insurance and Social Affairs of Arab Republic of Egypt and Ministry of Social Affairs of Republic of Tunisia in collaboration with the Ministry of Family and Social Policy of the Republic of Turkey in the third and last quarter of 2013 with the aim of identifying potential areas of cooperation between two institutions.

ii. Workshop on “Innovative Solutions to Poverty Reduction and Empowerment of the Poor”

SESRIC will organize, in collaboration with Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD) and the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) a workshop on “Innovative Solutions to Poverty Reduction and Empowerment of the Poor” on 26-28 June 2013 in Ankara, Republic of Turkey. The main objectives of the workshop are to showcase proven poverty reduction solutions which can be scaled-up and replicated in OIC member countries, and to broker meaningful partnerships between policy-makers, academicians and practitioners in order to facilitate the development of a relevant future course on reducing poverty in these countries.

f. OIC E-Government Working Group (OIC eGovWG)

i. First Meeting of the Heads and Seniors of National Organizations for Civil Registration (NOCR) of OIC Member States

Within the framework of OIC E-Government Working Group (OIC eGovWG), SESRIC, in cooperation with the National Organization for Civil Registration of the Islamic Republic of Iran, will organise the First Meeting of the Heads and Seniors of National Organizations for Civil Registration (NOCR) of OIC Member States on 15-17 April 2013 in Tehran, Iran. The main objectives of the meeting are to focus on the latest developments on Civil Registration related issues and to discuss and share the experiences in safety and security of National ID implementations and related fields among the member countries.

g. The Fifth Meeting of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee (MAC) of the OIC-VET Programme

The Fifth Meeting of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee (MAC) of the Vocational Education and Training Programme for OIC Member Countries (OIC-VET) will be held in the third quarter of 2013. The exact date and venue of the meeting will be decided after the consultation with National Focal Points (NFPs) and partners of OIC-VET Programme.

2. Technical Cooperation Activities

a. The Annual Meeting of the Central Banks and Monetary Authorities of the OIC Member Countries

The Annual Meeting of Central Banks and Monetary Authorities of the OIC Member Countries-2013 and 2014 will be hosted by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Republic of Indonesia, respectively. SESRIC is an active member of the Meeting Secretariat.

b. Atlas of Islamic World Science and Innovation

In its capacity as the Co-Project Manager (together with Royal Society) of the OIC project of “Atlas of Islamic World Science and Innovation”, SESRIC continued its efforts within the Joint Management Team and the Steering Group of the project to ensure the successful implementation of the project, which comprises 8 country studies (Egypt, Jordan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Senegal, Indonesia, Kazakhstan and Qatar) as well as the final report that is currently being drafted. Malaysia country report was issued in March, 2011 and Egypt country report was published in December, 2012. Kazakhstan country report has been finalized and planned to be published by May 2013. The other country cases are currently being drafted and assumed to be completed by the end of this year.

c. OIC-UN General Coordination Meeting

The Centre participates the meetings in its capacity as the OIC focal point for technical cooperation activities with a view to promote and enhance cooperation with the related UN Agencies, aiming at organizing joint activities that would add to the specialisation efforts of experts in general and play an important role in the improvement of human capital in member countries. The 2014 OIC-UN Meeting will be organized in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey.

d. Preparations for the COMCEC Exchange of Views Sessions

the 28th Session of COMCEC in October last year decided on the theme of the Exchange of Views Session of the 29th Session of the COMCEC as “Increasing FDI Flows to OIC Member Countries”, and requests the SESRIC and IDB Group, in cooperation with COMCEC Coordination Office and relevant OIC Institutions, to organize a workshop on this theme and submit its report to the next COMCEC Session. In accordance with this resolution and in its capacity as the OIC coordinating institution of the COMCEC Exchange of Views Session, the Centre will organize, in collaboration with the IDB (ICIEC) and COMCEC Coordination Office a workshop on the said them on 24-25 September 2013 in its Headquarters in Ankara.

3. Capacity Building Programmes (CBPs)

a. OIC Agriculture Capacity Building Programme (OIC-AgriCaB)

The Centre will organise the following agriculture training programmes:

1. Training Programme on “Agricultural Extension Methods” in Izmir, Turkey on 21-24 May 2013.
2. Training Course on “Agricultural Combat: Pest Control in Stored Yield” in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia in August 2013.
3. Training Course on “Seed Development: Laboratory Tests and Certificates” in Safat, Kuwait in September 2013.

b. OIC Cotton Training Programme (OIC-CTP)

The Centre will organise the following cotton training programmes:

1. Training Course on “Fiber Technology” in Cairo, Egypt in September 2013.
2. Training Course on “Agronomy” in Dhaka, Bangladesh in June 2013.
3. Training Course on “Development of Cotton Production and Technology” in Aydın, Turkey in June 2013.

c. Environment Capacity Building (Environment-CaB) Programme

The Centre will organise the following environment training programmes:

1. Training Course on “Environmental Awareness” in Suriname in October 2013.
2. Training Course on “Environmental Pollution: Water” in Male, Maldives in May 2013.

d. Competition Authorities Capacity Building Programme (CA-CaB)

The Centre will organise the following competition authorities training programmes:

1. Training Course on “Competition Law and Policy” in Dhaka, Bangladesh in May 2013
2. Training Course on “Competition Law and Policy” in Jakarta, Indonesia in May 2013
3. Training Course on “Competition Law and Policy” in Doha, Qatar in June 2013

e. IbnSina Programme for Health Capacity Building (IbnSina-HCaB)

The Centre will organise the following health training programmes:

1. Training Course on “First Step Pregnancy Care Ultrasonography” in Abuja, Nigeria in May 2013.
2. Training Course on “AIDS Recognition and Protection” in Cairo, Egypt in June 2013.
3. Training Course on “First Step Pregnancy Care Ultrasonography” in Nouakchott, Mauritania Republic in May 2013.

f. OIC Postal Services Capacity Building Programme (OIC-PSCaB)

The Centre has recently initiated OIC Postal Services Capacity Building Programme (OIC-PSCaB) in order to increase cooperation in the postal sector among OIC Member Countries by ensuring the exchange of postal items among Member Countries more regularly, reliably and fast with maximum service quality. The Centre will distribute the questionnaire and analyses these needs and capacities through the responses of the related questionnaires and mobilizes experts across the member countries to perform the needed training programmes.

g. Occupational Safety and Health Capacity Building Programme (OSH-CaB) in the OIC Member Countries

The Centre will organise the following occupational safety and health training programmes:

1. Training Course on “Occupational Health: Occupational Health, Occupational Diseases and Basic Occupational Health Services” in Amman, Jordan in September 2013.
2. Training Course on “Occupational Health: Occupational Health, Occupational Diseases” in Sana’a, Yemen in September 2013.

h. OIC Poverty Alleviation Capacity Building Programme (OIC-PAP)

The Centre will organise the following poverty alleviation training programmes:

1. Training Course on “Regional Poverty Reduction Policies” in Ankara, Turkey in May 2013.
2. Training Course on “Conditional Cash Assistance” in Amman, Jordan in June 2013.

i. OIC Peace and Security Capacity Building (OIC-PaSCaB) Programme

The Centre will organise the following peace and security training programmes:

1. Training Course on “Stopping and Controlling the Vehicles” in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei in June 2013.
2. Training Course on “Basic Training on Counter-Terrorism” in Islamabad, Pakistan in August 2013.
3. Training Course on “Investigation of Theft” in Baku, Azerbaijan in June 2013.

PUBLICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Centre exercises special care to ensure that the end-results of its activities in the areas of statistics and information, technical cooperation and training, and socio-economic research are documented and disseminated as widely as possible through the publication of periodicals, directories, books, papers and reports in the three official languages of the OIC.

The Centre’s publications are published online through its web site (www.sesric.org) and circulated in hard copies to a large number of libraries, universities, government offices and individual researchers in the OIC member countries and elsewhere. They are also exchanged with the publications of a large number of national institutions and international organisations.

During the period from 1 May 2012 to 30 April 2013, our Publications Department has processed the following documents and volumes:

A. SERIAL/PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

1. Journal of Economic Cooperation and Development

Published quarterly since 1979, it is a journal of applied research in development economics aimed at enhancing cooperation among the members of the OIC and welcomes original papers dealing with important economic and social issues of immediate concern to the OIC Member Countries.

The electronic archive of the Journals published since 1990, is accessible online through the following addresses:

English: <http://www.sesric.org/publications-jecd.php>
Arabic: <http://www.sesric.org/publications-jecd-ar.php>
French: <http://www.sesric.org/publications-jecd-fr.php>

All versions of the Journal in this archive are downloadable in full versions whereas only the last issue is in abstract format.

2. Economic Cooperation and Development Review

The electronic archive of the issues of the Economic Cooperation and Development Review, published since its inception in 2008, is accessible online through the following addresses:

English: <http://www.sesric.org/publications-review.php>

Arabic: <http://www.sesric.org/publications-review-ar.php>

French: <http://www.sesric.org/publications-review-fr.php>

3. Annual Economic Report on the OIC Countries

The electronic archive of issues of the Annual Economic Report on the OIC Countries published since 2007 is accessible online through:

English: <http://www.sesric.org/publications-aer.php>

Arabic: <http://www.sesric.org/publications-aer-ar.php>

French: <http://www.sesric.org/publications-aer-fr.php>

4. SWOT Outlook on OIC Member Countries

The electronic archive of the issues of SWOT Outlook on OIC Member Countries published since 2011 is accessible online through:

<http://www.sesric.org/publications-books.php>

<http://www.sesric.org/publications-books-ar.php>

<http://www.sesric.org/publications-books-fr.php>

5. Economic Problems of the Least-Developed and Land-Locked OIC Countries

The electronic archive of the Economic Problems of the Least-Developed and Land-Locked OIC Countries published since 2008 is accessible online through:

English: <http://www.sesric.org/publications-ldc.php>

Arabic: <http://www.sesric.org/publications-ldc-ar.php>

French: <http://www.sesric.org/publications-ldc-fr.php>

6. Education and Scientific Development in the OIC Member Countries

The electronic archive of the Education and Scientific Development in the OIC Member Countries published since 2008 is accessible online through:

<http://www.sesric.org/publications-books.php>
<http://www.sesric.org/publications-books-ar.php>
<http://www.sesric.org/publications-books-fr.php>

7. International Tourism in the OIC Countries: Prospects and Challenges

The electronic archive of the issues of International Tourism in the OIC Countries: Prospects and Challenges published since 2008, is accessible online through:

English: <http://www.sesric.org/publications-tourism.php>
Arabic: <http://www.sesric.org/publications-tourism-ar.php>
French: <http://www.sesric.org/publications-tourism-fr.php>

8. Statistical Yearbook of the OIC Member Countries

The electronic archive of the Statistical Yearbook of the OIC Member Countries published since 2007 is accessible online through:

English: <http://www.sesric.org/publications-syb.php>
Arabic: <http://www.sesric.org/publications-syb-ar.php>
French: <http://www.sesric.org/publications-syb-fr.php>

9. OIC Outlook Reports

The electronic archive of OIC Outlook Reports is accessible online through:

English: <http://www.sesric.org/publications-oic-outlook.php>
Arabic: <http://www.sesric.org/publications-oic-outlook-ar.php>
French: <http://www.sesric.org/publications-oic-outlook-fr.php>

10. Training Cooperation E-Newsletter

The electronic archive of issues of the Training Cooperation E-Newsletter published since its inception in 2009 is accessible online through:

English: <http://www.sesric.org/publications-newsletter-training.php>
Arabic: <http://www.sesric.org/publications-newsletter-training-ar.php>
French: <http://www.sesric.org/publications-newsletter-training-fr.php>

11. The Official Newsletter of the OIC Statistical Working Group

Started on June 2010, the OIC-SWG Newsletter, prepared by the SESRIC Statistics and Information Department, is published in English, Arabic and French on a semi-annual basis in June and December.

The online electronic versions are available through the addresses below:

English: <http://www.sesric.org/publications-newsletter-oicswg.php>

Arabic: <http://www.sesric.org/publications-newsletter-oicswg-ar.php>

French: <http://www.sesric.org/publications-newsletter-oicswg-fr.php>

B. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY APPLICATIONS

1. The SESRIC Web Site

SESRIC was the first OIC subsidiary organ to launch its own web site on the Internet in July 1997. The site has now developed into a renowned source of information on OIC Member Countries and is accessible through:

English: <http://www.sesric.org>

Arabic: <http://www.sesric.org/index-ar.php>

French: <http://www.sesric.org/index-fr.php>

The site is being visited by an ever-increasing number of users (a daily visitor count that never drops below 1000) and special care is taken to make its coverage as comprehensive as possible and its content updated, virtually on a daily basis. It is available in the three official languages of the OIC and includes the following sections:

a) Publications e-Archive

Serial issues and other books/reports of SESRIC, since 1995, are all electronically downloadable in their full PDF versions through the following address:

English: <http://www.sesric.org/publications-earchive.php>

Arabic: <http://www.sesric.org/publications-earchive-ar.php>

French: <http://www.sesric.org/publications-earchive-fr.php>

b) Online Activities Archive

The e-archive of all activities/events/workshops organised/participated by SESRIC and the related documents are all grouped by year and available through:

English: <http://www.sesric.org/activities-archive.php>
Arabic: <http://www.sesric.org/activities-archive-ar.php>
French: <http://www.sesric.org/activities-archive-fr.php>

The Calendar of upcoming events is also available through:

English: <http://www.sesric.org/calendar.php>
Arabic: <http://www.sesric.org/calendar-ar.php>
French: <http://www.sesric.org/calendar-fr.php>

c) Directories of Institutions

National Statistical Organizations

The Directory of National Statistical Organisations (NSOs) of the OIC Member Countries including continuously updated information is available through:

English: <http://www.sesric.org/databases-nso.php>
Arabic: <http://www.sesric.org/databases-nso-ar.php>
French: <http://www.sesric.org/databases-nso-fr.php>

Universities, Research and Training Institutions

The Directory of Universities of OIC Member Countries is available through:

English: <http://www.sesric.org/databases-universities.php>
Arabic: <http://www.sesric.org/databases-universities-ar.php>
French: <http://www.sesric.org/databases-universities-fr.php>

The Directory of Research Institutions of OIC Member Countries is available through:

English: <http://www.sesric.org/databases-research-inst.php>
Arabic: <http://www.sesric.org/databases-research-inst-ar.php>
French: <http://www.sesric.org/databases-research-inst-fr.php>

The Directory of Training Institutions of OIC Member Countries is available through:

English: <http://www.oicvet.org/training-institutions.php>

Arabic: <http://www.oicvet.org/training-institutions-ar.php>

French: <http://www.oicvet.org/training-institutions-fr.php>

Central Banks

The Directory of Central Banks of the OIC Member Countries including continuously updated information is available through:

English: <http://www.sesric.org/central-banks.php>

Arabic: <http://www.sesric.org/central-banks-ar.php>

French: <http://www.sesric.org/central-banks-fr.php>

d) Expert Directories

Roster of Statistics, Environmental and e-Government Experts

The Roster of Statistics Experts is accessible online through:

English: <http://www.sesric.org/statistics-experts.php>

Arabic: <http://www.sesric.org/statistics-experts-ar.php>

French: <http://www.sesric.org/statistics-experts-fr.php>

The Roster of Environmental Experts is accessible online through:

English: <http://www.sesric.org/environment-experts.php>

Arabic: <http://www.sesric.org/environment-experts-ar.php>

French: <http://www.sesric.org/environment-experts-fr.php>

The Roster of e-Government Experts is accessible online through:

English: <http://www.sesric.org/egovernment-experts.php>

Arabic: <http://www.sesric.org/egovernment-experts-ar.php>

French: <http://www.sesric.org/egovernment-experts-fr.php>

2. OIC-VET

The Vocational Education and Training Programme for the Member Countries of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC-VET) web site is accessible online through:

English: <http://www.oicvet.org>

Arabic: <http://www.oicvet.org/index-ar.php>

French: <http://www.oicvet.org/index-fr.php>

a) OIC-VET Partners Database

The OIC-VET Partners Database is accessible online through:

English: <http://www.oicvet.org/partner-introduction.php>

Arabic: <http://www.oicvet.org/partner-introduction-ar.php>

French: <http://www.oicvet.org/partner-introduction-fr.php>

b) Training Opportunities (TROP) Online System

SESRIC fully automated the process of information related to training opportunities in the digital environment with the participation of the OIC Training Institutions. All registered training institutions are given online access to the TROP system, enabling them to maintain, monitor and enhance information of their institutions and available training programmes. The Training Opportunities (TROP) Online System is accessible online through:

English: <http://www.oicvet.org/trop-index.php>

Arabic: <http://www.oicvet.org/trop-index-ar.php>

French: <http://www.oicvet.org/trop-index-fr.php>

3. Atlas of Islamic-World Science and Innovation (AIWSI) Web Site

The Atlas of Islamic-World Science and Innovation (AIWSI) web site is accessible online through:

English: <http://www.aiwsi.org>

Arabic: <http://www.aiwsi.org/index-ar.php>

French: <http://www.aiwsi.org/index-fr.php>

4. Organisations of the Islamic Cooperation Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom) Web Site

The Organisations of the Islamic Cooperation Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom) web site is accessible online through:

English: <http://www.oicstatcom.org>

Arabic: <http://www.oicstatcom.org/index-ar.php>

French: <http://www.oicstatcom.org/index-fr.php>

5. OIC-HEALTH

OIC-Health web site is accessible online through:

English: <http://www.sesric.org/health/>

Arabic: <http://www.sesric.org/health/index-ar.php>

6. Tobacco Free OIC

Tobacco Free OIC web site is accessible online through:

English: <http://www.sesric.org/tfo/>

7. OIC-OSHNET

OIC Network for Occupational Safety and Health (OIC-OSHNET) web site is accessible online through:

English: <http://www.oicvet.org/oshnet/>

C. SPECIAL SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS

1. Basic Social and Economic Indicators Database (BASEIND)

The Basic Social and Economic Indicators Database (BASEIND) is accessible online through:

English: <http://www.sesric.org/baseind.php>

Arabic: <http://www.sesric.org/baseind-ar.php>

French: <http://www.sesric.org/baseind-fr.php>

2. SESRIC Motion Chart Generator (SMC)

The SESRIC Motion Chart Generator (SMC) is accessible online through:

English: <http://www.sesric.org/smc.php>

Arabic: <http://www.sesric.org/smc-ar.php>

French: <http://www.sesric.org/smc-fr.php>

3. Member Countries in Figures

Member Countries database is accessible online through:

English: <http://www.sesric.org/oic-member-countries.php>

Arabic: <http://www.sesric.org/oic-member-countries-ar.php>

French: <http://www.sesric.org/oic-member-countries-fr.php>