

Vocational Education and Training Programme for the OIC

Member Countries: Implementation Mechanism

(Agenda Item 13)

Background Information

1. The 23rd Session of the COMCEC took note of the proposal submitted by SESRIC on Vocational Education and Training Action Programme for the OIC Member Countries to improve the quality of vocational education and training in public and private sectors in member countries and support this initiative. According to the proposal, SESRIC was mandated to form a consultative group to work on the modalities of launching and financing such a program.
2. The 24th Follow-up Committee took note of the SESRIC readiness to initiate, by simulating the EU experience, such vocational training programs as OIC Transnational Exchange Projects for Professionals, OIC Placement Projects for Graduates and OIC Placement Projects for University Students and others.
3. The 24th Follow-up Committee requested SESRIC to prepare a comprehensive report on the proposal and submit it to the 24th Session of the COMCEC for consideration by the Member States, noting that proposed implementation procedures should not include a central budget but rather be based on financing by the beneficiaries. The proposed system may draw financial support for some of the LDC Member States by different OIC institutions.
4. The 24th Follow-up Committee called upon Member States and relevant OIC institutions to support preparations for the proposed Programme, which aims at providing opportunities for individuals in different sectors, to help upgrade their knowledge and skills and thus contribute to the competitiveness of these sectors as well as to economic and social progress in their countries. In this connection, vocational training activities offered by IDB, IUT and other OIC institutions may be incorporated into the proposed OIC Vocational Education and Training Programme (OIC-VET), thereby, generating a common OIC platform in this area.
5. Under this Agenda Item, SESRIC presented a comprehensive report on the implementation mechanism of Vocational Education and Training Programme for the OIC Member Countries (OIC-VET). The Report presents the basic modalities and procedures for the implementation of the said Programme as well as the structure and the tasks of the main bodies involving in the implementation process. The Report also presents details on the financing rules of the Programme which are mainly based on a decentralised budget through contributions by the beneficiary member countries and the OIC institutions which are

partners of the Programme as recommended by the Member States during the 24th Follow-up Committee of the COMCEC which was held in Antalya, Turkey on 13-15 May 2008.

6. The Report also suggests that the OIC Transnational Exchange Projects for Professionals (OICTEP-P) to be implemented as the pilot application of the Programme with the participation of demanding member countries and that in case of successful implementation of the pilot application and approval of the results by the Monitoring and Advisory Committee (MAC) of the Programme, the Programme can be implemented fully for the benefits of the OIC Member Countries.

Resolutions

1. **Approves** the proposed implementation mechanism of Vocational Education and Training Programme for the OIC Member Countries (OIC-VET) prepared by the SESRIC and **requests** it to start taking the necessary communications with the relevant OIC institutions and the Member Countries to setup the implementation structure of the Programme with a view to initiating activities for pilot application under OIC Transnational Exchange Projects (OIC-TEPs).

2. **Decides** that the Monitoring and Advisory Committee (MAC) will comprise the SESRIC, IDB, IUT, ICCI and the ICYF-DC as well as the National Focal Points (NFPs) as members, and **entrusts** the SESRIC to assume the role of the Executing OIC Organ (EO) of the OIC-VET Programme and organize the first meeting of the MAC before 25th Meeting of the Follow-up Committee and **requests** the IDB to support participation of low-income member countries in this program.

3. **Calls upon** the Member States to identify their National Focal Points (NFPs) for the OIC-VET Programme and communicate to the SESRIC on their contact information, as well as the relevant OIC institutions to support the SESRIC in the preparations for and implementation of the Programme and incorporate their vocational training programs into the OIC-VET Programme, thereby, generating a common OIC platform for the benefits of the OIC Member Countries in this area.