# CONCEPT NOTE

## 4TH MEETING OF THE OIC PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT SERVICES NETWORK (OIC-PESNET)

*29 February – 1 March 2024*

*Marrakech, Morocco*

## Background

The "OIC Framework for Cooperation on Labour, Employment and Social Protection", which was adopted at the 2nd Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers held in Baku, Azerbaijan on 23-26 April 2013, is the primary comprehensive framework document for cooperation between the OIC member countries in the domain of labour market issues, including working life, prevention of unemployment, etc.

The OIC-Public Employment Services Network (OIC-PESNET) was established with a view to improving cooperation among the OIC member countries in the field of employment and labour market issues and contributing to the implementation of the said framework. The OIC-PESNET is an initiative of SESRIC based on the proposal of the Republic of Türkiye to establish a Forum for public employment institutions among the OIC member countries to promote the establishment of appropriate networks among their relevant national focal points. It is a platform for systematic sharing of information and experience among public employment authorities to enhance the quality and effectiveness of the public employment services in the OIC member countries.

Since the initiation of the OIC-PESNET, three meetings were held, respectively in 2014, 2016 and 2021. The 3rd Meeting of the OIC-PESNET was jointly organised by SESRIC and Turkish Employment Agency (İŞKUR), in its capacity as the Chair of the Network, on 2-3 June 2021. During this Meeting, two critical documents for the OIC-PESNET, namely, the "Rules of Procedure (RoP) of the OIC-PESNET" and the "OIC-PESNET Two-year Work Plan (2021-2022)" was adopted.

In addition, the Annual Meeting of the National Focal Points (NFPs) of the OIC-PESNET, as was held on 17 November 2022 with the participation of 61 senior-level representatives from PES institutions of 27 OIC member countries to discuss the progress achieved in the OIC-PESNET Work Plan 2021-2022, which was adopted during the 3rd Meeting of the Network in June 2021.

During this critical and difficult period due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and despite all the technical challenges, SESRIC and İŞKUR, along with the provider national PES institutions, exerted significant efforts and utilized digital platforms to carry out the planned activities of the Work Plan. SESRIC, in its capacity as the Secretariat of the OIC-PESNET, provided facilitation and necessary technical support for the organization of the activities organized within the framework of the OIC-PESNET Work Plan. The Centre also closely monitored the implementation of the activities in close cooperation and coordination with the Chair of the Network and the National Focal Points of the OIC member countries.

Against this backdrop, the SESRIC and the National Agency of the Promotion of Employment and Skills (ANAPEC) of the Kingdom of Morocco, the Chair of the OIC-PESNET for the period 2024-2026, will jointly organise the 4th Meeting of OIC-PESNET. The 4th Meeting of OIC-PESNET will begin with a handover ceremony to mark the turnover of the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Network. IŞKUR, outgoing Chair of the Network, will transfer chairmanship to the National Agency of the Promotion of Employment and Skills (ANAPEC) of the Kingdom of Morocco, the Chair of OIC-PESNET for the period 2024-2026.

In addition, the meeting will focus on the elaboration of a new Work Plan for the years 2024 and 2026 based on the capacity building needs and emerging demands of the PES Institutions in the OIC member countries. The Meeting will review the outcomes of the activities conducted by the provider national PES institutions within the framework of the OIC-PESNET Work Plan 2021-2022 and provide a platform for the exchange of views and perspectives on the new thematic areas of cooperation for the years 2024-2026.

## Objectives

The objectives of the 4th Meeting of the OIC-PESNET are to:

- Discuss the relevant thematic areas of the new Work Plan.
- Present the outcomes of the implementation of the OIC-PESNET Work Plan 2021-2022;
- Exchange of views and perspectives by the Members of the OIC-PESNET on the Implementation of the OIC- PESNET Work Plan 2024-2026;
- Elaborate a solid Work Plan of the OIC- PESNET for the years 2024-2026;
- Discuss and agree on the modalities of implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Work Plan;
- Discuss and identify the capacity building needs of the PES institutions with respect to the relevant thematic areas of the new Work Plan;

- Identify more functional and effective bilateral and multilateral areas of cooperation in the field of public employment services.

## Participants

The 4th Meeting of the OIC-PESNET will be attended by senior representatives of public employment authorities (Director General or Director level) of the OIC member countries and relevant OIC institutions.

## Partnership

The 4th Meeting of the OIC-PESNET will be organised by SESRIC, in its capacity as the Secretariat of the OIC-PESNET, in collaboration with National Agency of the Promotion of Employment and Skills (ANAPEC) of the Kingdom of Morocco, in its capacity as the Chair of the Network for 2024-2026.

## Methodology

The Meeting will start with a handover ceremony followed by an opening session where the Secretariat and the Chair of the OIC-PESNET will deliver welcoming remarks. The Meeting will continue two panels on the theme of the subject of entrepreneurship.

On the second day of the Meeting, round table discussions will take place in order to discuss and identify the capacity building needs of the PES institutions with respect to the relevant thematic areas of the new Work Plan.

## Language

Simultaneous translation will be provided among English, Arabic, and French.

## Date and Venue

The 4th Meeting of the OIC-PESNET will take place in Marrakech, Morocco on 29 February – 1 March 2024.

## WORK PROGRAMME

| Day 1: Thursday, 29 February 2024 | |
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| **09:00 – 09:30** | **Registration** |
| **09:30 – 11:00** | **Opening Session**<br>• Recitation of Verses from the Holy Quran<br>• Addresses by:<br>▪ **H.E. Dr. Younes SEKKOURI**, Minister of Economic Inclusion, Small Business, Employment and Skills of the Kingdom of Morocco<br>▪ **Dr. Varol DUR**, Deputy Director General, Turkish Employment Agency (İŞKUR), Outgoing Chair of the Network<br>▪ **H.E. Mrs. Zehra Zümrüt SELÇUK**, Director General of SESRIC<br>• Address by 2024-2026 Chair of the Network, **Dr. Imane BELMAATI**, Director General of the National Agency of the Promotion of Employment and Skills (ANAPEC) of the Kingdom of Morocco<br>• Hand-Over of Chairmanship of the OIC-PESNET from OIC Asia Group (Türkiye) to OIC Arab Group (Morocco) |
| ***11:00 – 11:30*** | ***Family Photo and Coffee Break*** |
| **11:30 – 12:30** | **Overview of OIC-PESNET and its Implemented Activities**<br>**Speakers:**<br>• **Ms. Esma DEMİRTAŞ**, Technical Cooperation Officer, SESRIC<br>• **Mr. Eser EROL**, Employment Expert, Turkish Employment Agency (İŞKUR) |
| ***12:30 – 14:00*** | ***Lunch and Prayer Break*** |
| **14:00 – 15:30** | **Panel 1: Entrepreneurship as a Lever for Sustainable Growth and Economic Inclusion**<br>**Moderator:**<br>**Mr. Rachid MAROUANE,** Head of the Entrepreneurship Services Division at ANAPEC |

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| | **Speakers:**<br>• **Ms. Wafaa ASRI,** Secretary General, Ministry of Economic Inclusion, Small Business, Employment and Skills<br>• **Mr. Hicham Zanati SERGHINI,** Managing Director of Tamwilcom<br>• **Mr. Mohamed Amine SABIBI,** Director of Regional Investment Center, Marrakech-Safi<br>• **Dr. Varol DUR**, Deputy Director General, Turkish Employment Agency (İŞKUR) |
| ***15:30 – 15:45*** | ***Coffee Break*** |
| **15:45 – 17:15** | **Panel 2: What Entrepreneurial Skills for a Better Economic Integration of Young People?**<br>**Moderator:**<br>**Mr. Hicham SOUHAIL,** Director of the Marrakech Prefectural Agency<br>**Speakers:**<br>• **Mr. Hicham KASBAOUI**, Director of the Regional Agency ANAPEC / Marrakech-Safi<br>• **Mrs. Rajae ELHARRANE,** Head of the Division for the Promotion of Self-Employed Persons and Support for the Informal Sector<br>• **Mr. Ummar Jai Kumar BIN ABDULLAH,** Director of the Employment Insurance System Office, Malaysian Social Security Organisation (SOCSO)<br>• **Mr. Mohamed Amine ABOUDOU,** Expert in Public Employment Policies, SABIL Project, Expertise France |
| ***19:30*** | ***Gala Dinner*** |

| **Day 2: Friday, 1 March 2024** | |
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| **09:30 – 11:00** | **OIC Public Employment Services Network (OIC-PESNET) Draft Work Plan 2024-2026**<br>**Moderator:** SESRIC / ANAPEC<br>SESRIC, the Secretariat of the OIC-PESNET and ANAPEC, the Chair of the Network, will present the Draft Work Plan 2024-2026 to the members of the Network. Then, the floor will open for discussions on the proposed Draft Work Plan. The members of the Network are expected to express their |

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| | needs and capacities on the related thematic areas of the Work Plan. The Session will consider the comments and recommendations for necessary action. |
| ***11:00 – 11:15*** | ***Coffee Break*** |
| **11:15 – 12:45** | **OIC Public Employment Services Network (OIC-PESNET) Draft Work Plan 2024-2026** ***(cont.)*** |
| ***12:45 – 14:45*** | ***Lunch and Friday Prayer*** |
| **14:45 – 16:00** | **Exchange of Views and Perspectives by the Members of the OIC-PESNET on the Implementation of the OIC-PESNET Work Plan 2024-2026** |
| **16:00 – 16:30** | **Closing Session**<br>• **Determination of the Month for the 5th Meeting of the OIC-PESNET**<br>• **Consideration and Adoption of the Final Communique of the 4th Meeting of the OIC-PESNET**<br>• **Any Other Business**<br>• **Closing Remarks** |
| ***17:30*** | ***Cultural Visit*** |