

Meeting of Steering Committee
for the Implementation of the OIC STI Agenda 2026

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Intervention by SESRIC DG

on Efforts of SESRIC towards the Implementation of OIC STI Agenda 2026

**Thank you Mr. Chairman,
Distinguished Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

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and a very good day to you all.

- **Since the adoption of OIC STI Agenda 2026 in 2017, SESRIC has continued its efforts to contribute towards its implementation through initiating and conducting several activities and programmes within the framework of its three mandated areas of statistics, research and training.**

- **SESRIC is regularly preparing and submitting progress reports on its STI-related activities and programmes to the COMSTECH Secretariat in line with the ‘Implementation Work Plan of STI Agenda 2026’.**

In the area of statistics

- **Currently, our OIC-Stat Database includes 162 indicators on STI-related themes. These 162 indicators are hosted under 6 categories, including Education (38 indicators), Environment (23), Health (41), Tobacco Control (23), Science-Technology-Innovation (11), and Water (26). Our OIC-Stat Database also hosts a SDGs category under which 300 indicators are related to various STI themes, including Education, Environment, Food Security, Health, and Water.**

- **In addition, within the framework of the SESRIC StatCaB Programme, we have conducted 15 statistical capacity building activities for the benefit of the NSOs of our member countries on various STI-related subjects. 6 statistical training courses, 2 webinars, and 1 workshop are also planned to be conducted in this year (2022) on various STI-related subjects.**

- **In October last year, SESRIC also prepared a report titled “Statistical Evaluation of the Current Situation of OIC Countries Towards the Implementation of the OIC STI Agenda 2026”, which gave an overview of the progress made at the OIC level towards the implementation of the 12 priorities of the OIC-STI Agenda 2026 based on the most recent available data. This report was submitted to both the COMSTECH and the OIC General Secretariat.**

In the area of Research

• SESRIC regularly prepares technical background reports covering various STI-related themes for submission to the relevant OIC Ministerial Conferences. These reports include:

- ☐ **Education and Scientific Development Report**
- ☐ **OIC Environment Report**
- ☐ **OIC Water Report**
- ☐ **OIC Health Report**
- ☐ **Agriculture and Food Security in OIC Member Countries**

In the area of Training,

- **Since the last meeting of your august Committee in September 2020, SESRIC has conducted 11 training and capacity building activities on various STI-related subjects within the framework of the relevant capacity building programmes of the Centre, namely:**

☐ **Agriculture and Food Security Capacity Building Programme (Agri-CaB)**

☐ **Water Resources Management Capacity Building Programme (Water-CaB)**

☐ **IbnSina Health Capacity Building Programme (IbnSina-CaB)**

☐ **Environment Capacity Building Programme (Environment-CaB).**

- **Moreover, within the framework of the Vocational Education and Training Programme for the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC-VET) and in line with the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025, we have also conducted 9 training activities and 1 webinar for the benefit of national TVET Authorities of the OIC member countries.**

• In addition, SERIC has continued hosting and updating 4 thematic cooperation Portals related to STI, namely:

- ☐ **The OIC-Portal on Water Resources**
- ☐ **The OIC Health Portal**
- ☐ **The Tobacco-Free OIC Initiative Porta**
- ☐ **The OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network (OIC-OSHNET) Portal**

- **The Centre is also managing the work of two intra-OIC Networks: the OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network (OIC-OSHNET) and the OIC Public Employment Services Network (OIC-PESNET). These networks bring together high-level representatives and professionals of the relevant national institutions in these two areas to exchange and share their knowledge, experiences and best practices.**

- **These technical cooperation modalities serve as active platforms and knowledge hubs for strengthening communication, cooperation, and knowledge sharing among the relevant national institutions in the areas of water, health, occupational safety and public employment services.**

- **With respect to our planned training and capacity building activities in this year (2022), we will organize 14 training courses, 2 training workshops and 2 webinars on various S&T-related subjects in line with the relevant priority areas of the OIC STI Agenda 2026.**

Distinguished Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen,

- I would also like to inform you that, since the last meeting of the Steering Committee, we held 4 coordination meetings with the COMSTECH Secretariat to share information about our programmes and activities and identify opportunities for collaboration to foster partnership and harmonize our efforts.**

- **The deliberations during these meetings were very productive where SESRIC and the COMSTECH Secretariat agreed to enhance the cooperation between two institutions through initiating and implementing joint activities for the benefit of our member countries in the domain of STI and inline with the OIC STI Agenda 2026.**

- **For example, SESRIC in collaboration with the Inter-Islamic Network on Water Resources Development and Management (INWRDAM), operating under the umbrella of COMSTECH, organised an online Training Workshop on “Water Monitoring Network and Early Warning System” on 16 - 19 August 2021. This workshop was attended by 88 participants from the National Water Resources Authorities of 21 OIC member countries.**

- **Furthermore, COMSTECH and SESRIC also agreed to work together on exploring the possibility of developing an OIC database on STI indicators.**

- **Currently, focal points at both institutions are working closely to identify new capacity building and training activities which could be organized jointly by SESRIC and COMSTECH during this year (2022).**

- **Before concluding, I would like to assure you that SESRIC will continue its endeavors, in collaboration with COMSTECH and other relevant OIC institutions as well as with the relevant national institutions to further enhance its contribution to the implementation of the OIC STI Agenda 2026.**

- **With this, I would like to thank you all. May Allah bless our endeavors and grant us success for the benefit of our member countries and the Ummah as a whole.**

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