



## FINAL COMMUNIQUÉ

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### 3<sup>RD</sup> MEETING OF THE OIC PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT SERVICES NETWORK (OIC-PESNET)

02-03 JUNE 2021

*The 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the OIC Public Employment Services Network (OIC-PESNET) was conducted virtually on 02-03 June 2021 with the participation of the National Focal Points (NFPs), the Secretariat and the Chair,*

**Referring** to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers held on 25-26 April 2013 in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, during which the establishment of a forum for public employment institutions among the OIC Member States was endorsed;

**Inspired by** the OIC Framework for Cooperation on Labour, Employment and Social Protection, which was adopted by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers;

**Reiterating** the importance of capacity building and exchange of knowledge and experience in developing national strategies for reducing unemployment in the OIC Member States in line with the resolutions of relevant OIC fora including the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sessions of the Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers;

**Taking into consideration** the principles and objectives set forth in Goal 2.9.14 and 2.9.15 of the “OIC-2025 Programme of Action” and Goal 8 of the “2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals” that promote full and productive employment and decent work for all;

**Recognising** the common challenges such as informal employment, low level of female labour participation, inadequate labour market information, youth unemployment, labour migration, child labour and vulnerable employment that highlight the necessity for the Network members to strengthen their efforts to stimulate cooperation among the member countries in the fields of labour, employment and social protection.

**Acknowledging** the recommendations and outcomes of the previous meetings of the OIC-PESNET as well as presentations of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting that focused on the current state of labour markets in the OIC Member States and the implementation of the OIC Labour Market Strategy 2025 as well as the activities since the inception of the OIC-PESNET;

1. **Recognises** the importance of strengthening partnerships among public employment authorities of the OIC Member States through establishing collaboration and cooperation, conducting joint projects and facilitating the exchange of best practices;



2. **Emphasizes** the significance of raising awareness about public employment services and improving the accessibility to these services in order to promote inclusive employment, adequate social protection and to enhance the quality of the life of the people in the OIC Member States.
3. **Takes note** of the adverse effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on labour markets and **emphasizes** the crucial role of the national public employment authorities of the OIC Member States and the contribution of the OIC-PESNET in supporting their efforts towards overcoming these negative impacts.
4. **Encourages** national public employment authorities of the OIC Member States to participate in the development, elaboration and implementation of activities within the framework of the OIC-PESNET to enhance the quality and effectiveness of the public employment services in the OIC Member States;
5. **Calls upon** national public employment authorities of the OIC Member States, which have not done so, to notify the Secretariat of the OIC-PESNET about the details of their National Focal Points (NFPs), which shall be a national public or governmental body with the responsibility of implementing labour market policies or managing placement and active support services at the national level;
6. **Invites** national public employment authorities as well as the other relevant national institutions of the OIC Member States to actively participate in SESRIC's Public Employment Services Capacity Building Programme (PES-CaB);
7. **Reaffirms** its commitment to providing all forms of joint support for the cause of Palestine, including capacity building activities for Palestinian officials to improve the public employment services of the State of Palestine;
8. **Adopts** the Rules of Procedure (RoP) of the OIC-PESNET, which was discussed and elaborated during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the OIC-PESNET;
9. **Endorses** the OIC-PESNET Work Plan 2021-2022, which was proposed, reviewed and adopted during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the OIC-PESNET;
10. **Recommends** the Chair of the OIC-PESNET, in collaboration with the Secretariat, to establish closer cooperation with relevant regional and international institutes, networks and organizations such as Specialised Agencies of the UN (ILO, IOM, etc.), Islamic Development Bank and World Association of Public Employment Services (WAPES) to enhance the impact of the efforts exerted within the framework of the OIC-PESNET;



11. **Expresses** its appreciation to the Turkish Employment Agency (İŞKUR) of the Republic of Turkey for assuming the role of Chair of the Network for the upcoming two years and for jointly organising the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of OIC-PESNET in close collaboration with the SESRIC, the Secretariat of the Network;
  
12. **Requests** the Secretariat of the OIC-PESNET to convene the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the OIC-PESNET in 2023 and an online meeting of the National Focal Points (NFPs) in 2022 to evaluate and monitor the progress achieved towards the implementation of the Network's adopted Work Plan 2021-2022.

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