



CONCEPT NOTE

3RD MEETING OF THE OIC PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT SERVICES NETWORK (OIC-PESNET)

02-03 June 2021

Virtual, 12:00-3:00 pm (Istanbul Local Time GMT+3)

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 States 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 States 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 Turkey to establish a Forum for public employment institutions among the OIC Member States 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 States.

The 1st Meeting of the OIC-PESNET was organised jointly by SESRIC and the Turkish Employment Agency (İŞKUR) on 29-30 April 2014 in Ankara, Turkey. The Meeting attended by senior-level representatives from 17 OIC Member States as well as the OIC General Secretariat, International Labour Organisation (ILO) and World Bank (WB). During the Meeting, SESRIC was requested to undertake the role of the Secretariat of the OIC-PESNET, and to initiate a capacity building programme to develop human resources capacities of the public employment services in the OIC Member States.

SESRIC, in collaboration with İŞKUR, organised the 2nd Meeting of the OIC-PESNET on 27-28 September 2016 in Ankara, Turkey. The Meeting brought together senior-level participants from the public employment authorities of 32 OIC Member States to review the progress achieved since the first Meeting and to explore advanced cooperation opportunities with a view to enhancing the quality and effectiveness of the public employment services in the OIC Member States.

Since the initiation of the Network, SESRIC and İŞKUR, in close collaboration with the relevant public employment authorities of the OIC Member States, have exerted their efforts towards the formulation and implementation of the activities of the OIC-PESNET. These activities have been commended by the relevant OIC fora including the 3rd and 4th Session of the Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers, in which the public employment authorities in the OIC Member States were called upon to actively participate in the activities of the OIC-PESNET.



Against this backdrop, SESRIC and İŞKUR will jointly organise the 3rd Meeting of the OIC-PESNET virtually through a video conferencing platform considering the emerging need for activating the work of this important Network. The Meeting will review the activities implemented so far and discuss and adopt 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)”.

Objectives

The objectives of the 3rd Meeting of the OIC-PESNET are to:

- Provide an overview of the previous meetings and the activities implemented since the initiation of the Network,
- Discuss and adopt the Rules of Procedure (RoP) of the OIC-PESNET,
- Elaborate on and adopt a solid Work Plan of the OIC-PESNET for the year 2021-2022,
- Discuss and agree on the modalities of implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Work Plan,
- Discuss and identify the capacity building needs of the public employment services of the OIC Member States concerning the relevant thematic areas of the Work Plan,
- Identify more functional and effective bilateral and multilateral areas of cooperation in the field of public employment services.

Participants

The 3rd Meeting of the OIC-PESNET will be attended by senior representatives of public employment authorities (Director General or Director level) of the OIC Member States and relevant OIC institutions.

Partnership

The 3rd Meeting of the OIC-PESNET will be organised by SESRIC, in its capacity as the Secretariat of the OIC-PESNET, in collaboration with İŞKUR.

Methodology

The Meeting will start with an opening session followed by presentations on relevant subjects of the attached Agenda, including the proposed Rules of Procedure of the OIC-PESNET and the OIC-PESNET Draft Work Plan 2021-2022. These two documents will be discussed by the members of the Network, where the comments and suggestions from the participants will be incorporated into the documents, and the final versions will be shared duly with the members of the Network.

Language

The Meeting will proceed in English. Arabic and French simultaneous translation will be provided.

Date and Time

The 3rd Meeting of the OIC-PESNET will be held virtually through a video conferencing platform on 02-03 June 2021 at 12:00-3:00 pm (Istanbul Local Time GMT+3).



Draft Work Programme

Day 1: Wednesday, 02 June 2021	
11:30 - 12:00 (GMT+3)	Online Sign-in
12:00 - 12:20 pm	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Mr. Nebil DABUR, Director General of SESRIC• H.E. Mr. Bekir AKTÜRK, Director General of Turkish Employment Agency (IŞKUR)
12:20 - 12:40 pm	Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Kenan BAĞCI, Senior Researcher at SESRIC Current State of the Labour Market in the OIC Member States and OIC Labour Market Strategy 2025
12:40 - 1:10 pm	Session 1: A Brief Overview of the OIC-PESNET: Previous Meetings and Activities Implemented Since the Initiation of the Network Presenter: SESRIC <p>SESRIC, the Secretariat of the OIC-PESNET, will provide background information and overview on the establishment of the Network, outcomes of the previous meetings and the activities implemented since its initiation in 2014. The presentation will also brief the participants on new perspectives and efforts exerted towards activating the work of this important Network.</p>
1:10 – 2:00 pm	Session 2: Rules of Procedure (RoP) of the OIC-PESNET Moderator: SESRIC <p>SESRIC, the Secretariat of the OIC-PESNET, will present the Rules of Procedure (RoP) of the OIC-PESNET. Then, the floor will open for discussions on the proposed Rules of Procedure (RoP) of the OIC-PESNET. The members of the Network are expected to share their views and comments on the document. The Session will consider the comments and recommendations for necessary action.</p>



Day 2: Thursday, 03 June 2021	
11:30 - 12:00 (GMT+3)	Online Sign-in
12:00 – 2:00 pm	<p>Session 3: OIC Public Employment Services Network (OIC-PESNET) Draft Work Plan 2021-2022</p> <p>Moderator: SESRIC</p> <p>SESRIC, the Secretariat of the OIC-PESNET, will present the Draft Work Plan 2021-2022 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 share their views and comments on the document. The Session will consider the comments and recommendations for necessary action.</p>
02:00 – 3:00 pm	<p>Closing Session</p> <p>Comments and suggestions provided during the previous sessions will be incorporated into the documents, and the final versions will be shared with the members of the Network duly.</p> <p>Date and Venue of the 4th Meeting of the OIC-PESNET</p> <p>The Session will decide on the date and venue of the 4th Meeting of the OIC-PESNET. SESRIC will propose specific dates for the consideration of the members of the Network.</p> <p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Closing Remarks</p>