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EDITORIAL

Followed by the general presentation and progress of all the training and technical cooperation activities undertaken by SESRIC in the last six months since the online publication of the second issue of this E-Newsletter, in its third issue, the *Training Cooperation E-Newsletter* highlights developments regarding the implementation of pilot projects under the Vocational Education and Training Programme for OIC Member Countries (OIC-VET Programme) as well as on its efforts related to capacity building in OIC Member Countries.

As you may recall, the OIC-VET Programme was launched by H.E. Abdullah Gül, the President of the Republic of Turkey and the Chairman of the COMCEC at the COMCEC Economic Summit on 9 November 2009, where the Heads of States and Governments recognised the importance of vocational education and training in socioeconomic development of the OIC Member Countries. The inauguration of the OIC-VET Programme also marked the start of the pilot applications by which a number of eye-catching pilot projects would be developed and implemented by the National Focal Points and the SESRIC in order to make the results and outcomes of the Programme internationally more visible and recognisable.

In this connection, I am very much pleased to inform you that two pilot projects, namely "Study Visit on Occupational Health and Safety", "Strengthening VET through Local Vocational Courses: the Experience of the İSMEK" have already been implemented by our Centre, A number of other pilot projects are ongoing and under execution in collaboration with the



national focal points and the relevant national, regional and international institutions. Besides this, two new sub-programmes are under development and will be soon launched: OIC-VET Sub-programme on Trade, Economy and Finance (OICVET-TEF) in partnership with the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), and OIC International Students Internship Programme (OIC-ISIP) in partnership with the International Business Forum (IBF).

Alhamdulillah, the Programme proves to yield its early fruits during the last period, demonstrating real benefits for the member countries and individuals who participated in the pilot projects. Accordingly, it is increasingly becoming a significant tool not only to improve the quality of vocational education and training provided in the OIC Member Countries, but to serve as a platform to develop the knowledge and skills of individuals living in the OIC Member Countries, thus effectively contributing to their developmental process.

All these recent development show that with the realisation of the ongoing and planned pilot projects and close cooperation with the National Focal Points and other relevant institutions during the coming period, the Programme will reach a wider audience of beneficiaries, and will become a successful model and a brand for human capacity development in OIC Member Countries, which would ultimately reinforce socioeconomic development and competitiveness of member countries.

On the other hand, the scope of the Capacity Building Programme of SESRIC has been broadened to provide training to

Ministries of Health, as well as Occupational Health and Safety Centres in addition to the National Statistical Organisations (NSOs) and Central Banks in the Member Countries. SESRIC highly appreciates cooperation of the relevant institutions and urges them to participate in the Capacity Building Programme in order to effectively plan and implement training programmes which will, no doubt, add to the specialisation efforts of experts in the OIC Member Countries in general and play an important role in the improvement of human capital in the Member Countries.

As SESRIC we are also proud to organise the Second Meeting of the Development Cooperation Institutions of the OIC Member Countries jointly with the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD) and the OIC General Secretariat which took place in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 3-4 May 2010. The meeting has formally established the OIC Development Cooperation Forum with the aim sharing information, knowledge and experiences, and promoting best practices for the improvement of the quality of development activities and encouraging and coordinating the capacity development activities of the DCIs, as well as Enhancing visibility of development assistance of the DCIs through various means. SESRIC was entrusted with the role of Focal Institution by the Forum, to have the lead responsibility to facilitate the activities and organisation of the future meetings of the Forum.

As you know, SESRIC's annual bulletin "Training Opportunities in the Member Countries of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference" (TROP) provides online information of training institutions in the Member Countries. SESRIC also continues to promote the activities of TROP members whose active engagement is observed with the programmes they offer in the OIC community by providing information on their activities in this E-Newsletters "Institutions-In-Focus" section. In this issue of the *Training Cooperation E-Newsletter* you may find information on the activities of two OIC-VET Partners; namely the Centre for Art and Vocational Courses of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (İSMEK) and Turkish Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (İSGÜM).

I would like to end my words by expressing our advance invitation to any contribution to the *Training Cooperation E-Newsletter*. I am confident that with the continuous and encouraging contributions of eminent personalities, policy makers, government officials, academicians and researchers in the OIC community and elsewhere, the *Training Cooperation E-Newsletter* will continue to significantly enhance the training and cooperation efforts of OIC Member Countries.

Dr. Savaş Alpaya
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VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMME (OIC-VET)



The OIC Vocational Education and Training Programme (OIC-VET) for Member Countries is a programme originally designed and developed by the SESRIC in order to improve the quality of Vocational Education and Training (VET) in the public

and private sectors with the aim of supporting and enhancing the opportunities for individuals in the Member Countries to develop their knowledge and skills and thus to contribute to the development and competitiveness of the economies.

In the first half of 2010, two pilot projects have been implemented. These projects demonstrated the role of the OIC-VET Programme in providing opportunities for professionals in the OIC countries to share their experiences and establish dialogue for

future cooperation in their field of activities. Accordingly, the OIC-VET Programme is expected to benefit more individuals in the OIC Member Countries in the coming months and contribute to current initiatives in the OIC agenda to combat with the global challenges, including climate change, environmental degradation, clean water, sustainable use of energy sources, and poverty.

Furthermore, the programme beneficiaries will vary as it is designed to benefit not only professionals but people working in the labour market and university students. Therefore, in a short period of time, mobility under the Programme is expected to substantially increase. This will also help the OIC-VET Programme to be recognised by a larger group of individuals in the OIC Member Countries and thus contribute to higher mobility in this respect.

LATEST NEWS

The OIC-VET Pilot Project on “Strengthening VET through Local Vocational Courses: The Experience of İSMEK”, 8–10 June 2010

SESRIC has successfully implemented, in cooperation with the Centre for Art and Vocational Training Courses of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (İSMEK), the OIC-VET Pilot Project titled “Strengthening VET through Local Vocational Courses: the Experience of İSMEK”. It was inaugurated by Mrs. Emine Erdoğan, wife of Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan on 8 June 2010 at Feshane



International Fair Congress and Culture Centre, in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey. The project was organised with the participation of representatives of the municipalities from nine OIC Member Countries, namely Azerbaijan, Indonesia, Iran, Kuwait, Libya, Morocco, Pakistan, Syria and Yemen.

For details please [click here](#)

The OIC-VET Pilot Project on “Study Visit on Occupational Health and Safety”, 24–28 May 2010

SESRIC has successfully finalised, in cooperation with the Turkish Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (ISGUM), the first Pilot Project of the OIC-VET Pilot Application Phase in the field of occupational health and safety. The Pilot Project titled “Study Visit on Occupational Health and Safety” took place at the premises of ISGUM during the period 24-28 May 2010, in Ankara, Turkey, with the



participation of experts and directors of occupational health and safety from 7 OIC Member Countries, namely Azerbaijan, Jordan, Libya, Malaysia, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Syria.

Additionally, the Arab Labour Organization was also represented at this Pilot Project.

For details please [click here](#)

Second Meeting of the Monitoring and Advisory Board (MAC), 11–12 May 2010

SESRIC organised the Second Meeting of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee (MAC) of the OIC-VET Programme in Antalya, Republic of Turkey, on 11-12 May 2010, on the sideline of the 26th Meeting of the Follow-up Committee of the COMCEC. The main purpose of the Meeting was to review the implementation process of the OIC-VET Programme since the First Meeting of the MAC. The Meeting was



attended by the delegations of the National Focal Points (NFPs) of the OIC Member States, namely Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Indonesia, Iran, Morocco, Qatar, Senegal, Turkey and Yemen. Also present were

representatives of the OIC General Secretariat and the concerned OIC Institutions, namely COMCEC, IDB, ICCI, ISESCO, OISA, and SESRIC.

For details please [click here](#)

For more information on latest news and announcements visit the [OIC-VET Portal](#)

CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME

SESRIC is currently organising training programmes for National Statistical Organisations (NSOs), Central Banks, Ministries of Health and Occupational Safety and Health institutions in the member countries to enhance their capacities in line with their training needs. SESRIC analyses these needs and capacities through the responses of the related questionnaires and sends experts among these countries to perform the needed training programmes.



In this respect, SESRIC encourages all NSOs, Central Banks, Ministries of Health and Occupational Safety and Health institutions in the OIC Member Countries to participate in the Capacity Building Programme in order to implement training programmes for public sector institutions on a wide range of topics, which will, no doubt, add to the sector-specific specialisation efforts in the OIC Member Countries by providing their personnel interactive studies to practice their knowledge.

STATISTICAL CAPACITY BUILDING (STATCAB) PROGRAMME FOR NSOs

Training Course in Egypt, 25–27 May 2010

The Centre organised a training course on “National Accounts: Supply-Use and Input-Output Tables” at the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) of the Arab Republic of Egypt, on May 25-27, 2010. The course was provided by Mr. Mehmet Kula, expert from



the Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat) and was attended by 26 staff members of the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) and the Ministry of Planning of Egypt.

For details please [click here](#)

Training Course in Tajikistan, 1–3 March 2010

The Centre organised a training course on “Quality in Statistics & Applications of New Data Collection Methods” at the State Committee on Statistics of Tajikistan, on March 1-3, 2010. The course was provided by Mr. Inan Inanli, expert



from the Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat) and was attended by 20 staff members of the State Committee on Statistics of Tajikistan.

For details please [click here](#)

CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME FOR CENTRAL BANKS IN THE OIC MEMBER COUNTRIES

SESRIC Actively Proceeds in Enhancing the Effective Implementation of the Capacity Building Programme for Central Banks in the OIC Member Countries

The Centre actively proceeds in enhancing the effective implementation of the Capacity Building Programme for Central Banks in the OIC Member Countries. SESRIC has recently disseminated the updated version of the related questionnaire and



will immediately continue planning and implementing the short-term training programmes as soon as replies are received.

For details please [click here](#)

IBNSINA HEALTH CAPACITY BUILDING (IBNSINA-HCAB) PROGRAMME

SESRIC initiates the IbnSina Health Capacity Building (IbnSina-HCaB) Programme

The SESRIC has recently initiated the IbnSina Health Capacity Building (IbnSina-HCaB) Programme regarding needs and capacities of the Ministries of Health in the member countries of the OIC. The Centre shall analyse these needs and capacities through the



responses of the related questionnaires and will send health experts among these countries to perform the needed training programmes.

For details please [click here](#)

OIC OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY CAPACITY BUILDING (OHSCaB) PROGRAMME

OIC Occupational Health and Safety Programme

Within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme, SESRIC has recently initiated the OIC Occupational Health and Safety Capacity Building Programme (OHSCaB) among the OIC Member Countries. The OHSCaB Programme aims at enhancing the capacity of the occupational health and safety institutions to foster safer work environment and protect members of the public who are impacted by the workplace environment. This could be achieved through the establishment of a strong and active network congregating the



occupational health and safety centres, trainers and trainees in OIC Member Countries. In this regard, SESRIC is planning to organise short-term training courses, study visits, workshops, seminars, conferences as well as public awareness activities following the analysis and assessment it will carry with regard to the needs and capacities of the occupational health and safety institutions in the OIC Member Countries.

For details please [click here](#)

For more information on the Capacity Building Programme visit the [OIC-VET Portal](#)

OIC DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION FORUM (OIC-DCF)

The OIC Development Cooperation Forum (OIC-DCF) is a voluntary, informal and technical forum, open for all Development and Cooperation Institutions of the OIC Member Countries for dialogue, consultations, cooperation and coordination. The OIC Development Cooperation Forum (OIC-DCF) emerged following the decision of the Second Meeting of the Development and



Cooperation Institutions (DCIs) of OIC Member Countries in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 3-4 May 2010. The meeting also decided to convene regularly, preferably on annual basis, and SESRIC was nominated as the Focal Institution to facilitate future meetings and disseminate data on development assistance.

LATEST NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Second Meeting of the Development Cooperation Institutions (DCIs) of the OIC Member Countries, 3-4 May 2010

The Second Meeting of the Development Cooperation Institutions (DCIs) of the OIC Member Countries was organised jointly by SESRIC, the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD) and the OIC General Secretariat, and held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 3-4 May 2010. The Meeting was attended by 22 representatives of DCIs of 9 OIC



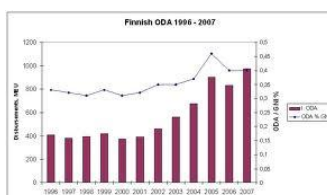
Member Countries; namely Egypt, Jordan, Indonesia, Iran, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates. It was also attended by representatives of the OIC

General Secretariat, IDB, Arab Monetary Fund and SESRIC.

For details please [click here](#)

Workshop on "Aid Statistics"

In line with the decision of the Second Meeting of the Development and Cooperation Institutions (DCIs) of the OIC Member Countries held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 3-4 May 2010, the Centre is planning to organise a workshop on "OIC Aid Statistics". The workshop will dwell upon a methodology and mechanism of collecting and disseminating of data and information



on the development assistance and aid of the DCIs and other aid agencies in the OIC Member Countries, as well as the definitions of the general statistical variables and concepts

of the questionnaire on aid. The workshop will also generate opportunity to hear the experience of DCIs in collecting statistical data and information on aid.

OIC-VET Pilot Project on “Networking and Knowledge Sharing Programme for Senior Staff of Development and Cooperation Institutions (DCIs) of OIC Member Countries”

Within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme, the Centre will organise this Pilot Project on “Networking and Knowledge Sharing Programme for Senior Staff of Development and Cooperation Institutions (DCIs) of OIC Member Countries” to enable the participating DCIs to share their experience



with others. The major outcome of the project would be the establishment of strong partnerships among the institutions and construct a platform where they can transfer innovative training methods, share knowledge and experience, and exchange expertise.

PROJECTS

OIC UNIVERSITY RANKING PROJECT

Meeting of Experts on the Ranking of Universities in Islamic World, 24–25 April 2010

The Ministry of Higher Education of Saudi Arabia hosted the Technical Meeting of Experts on the Ranking of Universities in Islamic World on 24-25 April 2010 in Riyadh,



Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

For details please [click here](#)

OIC – FAO TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT

OIC-FAO Technical Cooperation Project was Signed

The Project titled “Support to policy consultation and actions to boost sustainable use of water and energy resources for agricultural production and livelihood improvement in the Near East Region in the context of climate change” was signed by H.E. Ekmeleddin İhsanoğlu, the Secretary General of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) and Mr. Jacques Diouf, the Director General of Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) on 9 June 2010. The



Project is a one-year project, and will be implemented in a context of a global financial crisis and will also be an opportunity to address water control projects within the framework of an undergoing programme “Special Program for Food Security (SPFS)”. SESRIC has been designated as the OIC implementing agency of the Project, and a member of the Project Task Force.

For details please [click here](#)

COOPERATION ACTIVITIES

OIC-UN Biennial Cooperation Meeting, 29 June – 1 July 2010

The OIC Secretary General H.E. Ekmeleddin İhsanoğlu and the UN Assistant Secretary General H.E. Mr. Lynn Pascoe have officially opened the 3-days UN-OIC



General Meeting on Cooperation, on Tuesday, 29 June 2010 in Istanbul, Turkey.

For details please [click here](#)

Meeting for the High Level Regional Conference on Central Asia, 28 June 2010

SESRIC participated in the preparatory meeting for the High Level Regional Conference on Central Asia organised by the OIC General Secretariat in the premises of OIC Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA) in Istanbul on 28 June 2010. The main purpose of the meeting was to explore the possible areas of cooperation between the Central



Asian OIC Member Countries and the rest of the Muslim World, and identify the roles of the OIC Organs in this regard. The meeting was attended by the OIC General Secretariat, COMCEC Coordination Office, Islamic Development Bank (IBD), SESRIC and ICDT.

For details please [click here](#)

“Networking and Knowledge Sharing Programme for Senior Staff of Chambers of Commerce and Industry from Arabic Speaking Countries of the OIC”, 22–25 June 2010

SESRIC participated in the “Networking and Knowledge Sharing Programme for Senior Staff of Chambers of Commerce and Industry from Arabic Speaking Countries of the OIC”. The Meeting was jointly organised by the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and the Union of



Chambers and Commodity Exchange of Turkey (TOBB). The Meeting was held at the Headquarters of TOBB in Ankara during the period 22-25 June 2010.

For details please [click here](#)

OIC Institutions Meeting on the “Road Map for Enhancing Intra-OIC Trade”, 21–22 June 2010

At the eve of 35th Annual Meeting of the Islamic Development Bank Group (IDB Group), International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC), a member of IDB Group, organized a two-day Meeting to develop and



enrich the Road Map for Enhancing Intra-OIC Trade. The Meeting held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan on the 21st- 22nd June, 2010.

For details please [click here](#)

2nd Consultative Meeting of the OIC Institutions on Enhancing Intra-OIC Trade, 31 May -01 June 2010

Within the framework of the implementation of the OIC Ten Year Program of Action (which along with other objectives aims to raise the share of intra-OIC trade in the global trade of the OIC Member States to 20% by 2015), particularly in the context of the implementation of the “Road Map for Enhancing Intra-OIC Trade”, which has been adopted by the Expert Group Meeting on “enhancing intra-OIC trade” held in Ankara in July 2008 and in compliance with the



outcomes of the First Consultative Meeting of the OIC Institutions operating in the economic field, the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) and the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC) organized the 2nd Consultative Meeting of the OIC Institutions to review the progress on the implementation of the “Executive Program of the Road-Map for Achieving Intra-OIC Trade Targets”.

For details please [click here](#)

International Scientific Symposium entitled “ICT Impact on Municipal Service Development: Towards E-Government”, 18–20 May 2010

An International Scientific Symposium entitled “ICT Impact on Municipal Service Development: Towards E-Government” was co-organised by the Organisation of Islamic Capitals and Cities (OICC) and the Doha Municipality in Doha, Qatar on 18-20



May 2010. An exhibition on “ICT and Achievements of Islamic Capitals and Cities” was held in parallel to the symposium.

For details please [click here](#)

37th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), 18–20 May 2010

The 37th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) (Session of Shared Vision of a More Secure and Prosperous Islamic World) was held in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan from 4 to 6 Jamadul Thani 1431 H (18th - 20th May 2010). A wide range of issues of interest to the Member States were discussed during the Meeting and resolutions were adopted by the Council concerning the Palestinian Cause and the



Middle East; Other issues such as; Political Affairs; Ten-Year Programme of Action; Statutory, Organic and General Matters; Legal Affairs; Conditions of Muslim Minorities and Communities in non-OIC Member States; Information Affairs; Administrative and Financial and Humanitarian Affairs were also discussed during the Council.

For details please [click here](#)

26th Meeting of the Follow-up Committee of the COMCEC, 10–12 May 2010

The 26th Meeting of the Follow-up Committee of the COMCEC was held on 10-12 May 2010 in Antalya, Turkey, with the participation of 11 OIC Member Countries of the Committee (Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Palestine, Senegal, Kuwait, Iran, Cameroon, Pakistan, Qatar, Indonesia and Sierra Leone). The OIC General Secretariat and the following



subsidiary, affiliated and specialised organs; namely, SESRIC, ICDT, IDB, ICCI, ITFC, and OISA; attended the Meeting. Representatives of ECO and FAO have also attended the meeting.

For details please [click here](#)

33rd Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs (ICECS), 29–31 March 2010

The 33rd Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs (ICECS) was held at the headquarters of the OIC General Secretariat in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 29–31 March 2010 in preparation for the



37th Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers due to take place in Dushanbe, capital of Tajikistan, in May 2010.

For details please [click here](#)

Second Coordination Committee Meeting on the Implementation of the “Framework for Development and Cooperation in the Domain of Tourism between the OIC Member States”, 24–25 March 2010

The 2nd Coordination Committee Meeting on the Implementation of the “Framework for Development and Cooperation in the Domain of Tourism between the OIC Member States” was held in Antalya, Republic of Turkey, on 24–25 March 2010. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following Members of the Committee: Azerbaijan,



Cameroon, Egypt, Iran, Malaysia, Senegal, Syria and Turkey. The representatives of the OIC General Secretariat and those of the following OIC institutions also attended the Meeting: SESRIC, IRCICA, ICDT, IUT, ISESCO, ICCI and COMCEC Coordination Office (CCO).

For details please [click here](#)

Meeting of National Statistical Organisations (NSOs) of the OIC Member Countries, 22–23 March 2010

The Meeting of National Statistical Organisations (NSOs) of the OIC Member Countries was organized by SESRIC and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 22-23 March 2010. The Meeting was attended by delegates of the NSOs of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Egypt, Gambia, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan,



Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Morocco, Niger, Pakistan, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates and Uzbekistan; and of the COMCEC, ICDT, IDB, OIC General Secretariat, PARIS21, SESRIC, UNESCWA and World Bank.

For details please [click here](#)

2nd Meeting of the NSOs of the OIC Member Countries, 25 February 2010

The 2nd Meeting of the NSOs of the OIC Member Countries and the SESRIC was held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, USA on 25 February 2010 at 3.00 – 5.00 pm as a



side event of the 41st Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission.

For details please [click here](#)

41st Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC), 23–24 February 2010

The 41st Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) was held on 23-26 February 2010 in New York. The representatives of National Statistical Organizations (NSOs) of



UN Member States, observer countries and international organizations participated in the Session.

For details please [click here](#)

Fifteenth Session of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA), 22 February 2010

The Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities (CCSA) held its fifteenth session in New York, USA on 22 February 2010 on the margin of the 41st session of the United Nations Statistical Commission. The 15th Session of CCSA was chaired by the two co-chairs of the Committee - Mr. Pieter Everaers, Director of External Cooperation, Communication and



Key Indicators of Eurostat and Mr. Henri Laurencin, Head of Development Statistics and Information Branch of Division on Globalization and Development Strategies of UNCTAD. Representatives of the member

institutions of the CCSA participated to the Session.

For details please [click here](#)

Meeting of the National Focal Points (NFPs) of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) on Projects, 15 February 2010

SESRIC participated in the 'Meeting of the National Focal Points (NFPs) of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) on Projects – Research Cooperation in Economic Research and Statistics' which was held on 15th February in Antalya,



Turkey. During the meeting the representatives of the ECO Member States made statements on cooperation in statistics and economic research.

For details please [click here](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting of the Central Banks and Monetary Authorities of the Member Countries of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC), 26–27 September 2010

We would like to announce that the Second Meeting of the Central Banks and Monetary Authorities of the OIC Member Countries – 2010 will be jointly organised by the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey, the Statistical Economic and



Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) and COMCEC Coordination Office in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 26-27 September 2010.

For details please [click here](#)

Second Steering Group Meeting of the Atlas of Islamic World and Innovation Project, 3–4 October 2010

SESRIC will organize the Second Steering Group Meeting of the Atlas Project on 3-4 October 2010 in Istanbul, Turkey. The main objective of the meeting is to review the progress since the First Meeting of the Project Steering Group, and discuss several issues pertaining to country case studies, schedule of launching country reports and financial situation of the project, as well as



provide comments and suggestions on the execution of the project. The meeting will be participated by the National Focal Points and National Research Partners of the Atlas of Islamic World Science and Innovation Project, as well as OIC and international project partners.

For details please [click here](#)

26th Session of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (COMCEC), 5–8 October 2010

SESRIC will participate in the 26th Session of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (COMCEC), in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 5–8 October 2010.



The COMCEC Annual Sessions encompass, among others, the Ministerial Session, wherein ministers of trade and industry of the OIC Member Countries consider matters of economic and commercial cooperation among their

countries and adopt projects, protocols and agreements framing the enhancement, promotion and strengthening of their cooperative efforts. The Annual Sessions of the COMCEC stand as one of the most active and productive OIC gatherings whereat delegations from all OIC Member Countries, OIC General Secretariat, OIC institutions, regional and international organizations participate.

For details please [click here](#)

Director General of SESRIC will address to the 14th International Business Forum Congress, 6–9 October 2010

The Director General of SESRIC, will address to the 14th International Business Forum Congress scheduled to be held at the Haliç Congress Centre in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey during the period 6-9 October 2010 under the patronage of H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, on the theme “The Importance of Technology for Development in Islamic Countries”. The Congress will also be honoured with H.E.



Abdullah Gül, President of Turkey, on the occasion of his welcoming of the Ministers of Economy and Finance of OIC Member Countries. Where a plaque ceremony will take place where the participants of the pilot project of the OIC International Students Exchange Programme (OIC-ISIP) will be awarded with a plaque by H.E. Abdullah Gül, President of Turkey.

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International Symposium on Poverty Alleviation Strategies: Experiences and New Ideas, 13–15 October 2010

The SESRIC will participate in the International Symposium on Poverty Alleviation Strategies: Experiences and New Ideas, which will be held in Istanbul during the period 13-15 October 2010. The Symposium will be hosted by the Prime Ministry General Directorate of Social Assistance and Solidarity of the Republic of Turkey, and



will bring together scientists from different disciplines, researchers, national/international experts from public/private sector, representatives from international organizations, and representatives from NGOs.

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5th Islamic Conference of Higher Education and Scientific Research Ministers (ICMHESR), 19–21 October 2010

The Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), will organise and supervise, as part of its regular activities, the 5th Islamic Conference of Higher Education and Scientific Research Ministers (ICMHESR) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 19-21 October 2010 in collaboration with the Malaysian government.



and scientific research in the Islamic world. The ICHESR will also review and assess the reports of the Director General of ISESCO and report of the Secretary General of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference on the issues and challenges facing the OIC Member Countries in their efforts to overcome the common obstacles deterring their progress toward the scientific and technological excellence.

The 5th ICMHESR will take into its working agenda the issues, the strategy and cooperation in the field of higher education

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INSTITUTIONS IN FOCUS

Centre for Arts and Vocational Courses of İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality (İSMEK)



İSMEK is a public organisation that functions under the İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality since 1996. It provides vocational courses for

those who cannot afford to acquire a profession with formal educational institutions or want to further improve their skills and competencies in their current jobs. It complements formal education by aiming at enhancing the personal background of residents in İstanbul, improving their vocational and artistic knowledge, as well as raising city culture and the experience of the life in the metropolis. The trainees attending and graduating from these courses are awarded with a certificate approved by the Ministry of National Education. Since its establishment, İSMEK has provided more than 985000 citizens of İstanbul with art and vocational education for free of charge.

Activities of the Centre include:

1. Education/Training;
2. Exhibitions;
3. Contests;
4. Seminars;
5. Sale of trainees' works & products;

6. Social and cultural activities;
7. Symposiums;
8. Fashion shows;
9. Directing the trainees to labour market;
10. Participation in national and international fairs; and
11. Publications.

In the light of the above, İSMEK aims at the following key objectives in the İstanbul metropolitan area:

1. To meet the general education needs;
2. To improve the artistic and vocational knowledge of the citizens and to allow them to have a vocation and knowledge;
3. To train qualified employees needed by industrialization in order to contribute to the industrial development of the country;
4. To revitalize almost-lost arts of the nation;
5. To make individuals active producers rather than passive consumers;
6. To contribute to cultural and social developments; and
7. To make the citizens acquainted with city culture for living in a metropolis.

For more information:

<http://www.ismek.ibb.gov.tr/>

Turkish Occupational Health and Safety Institution (İSGÜM)



İSGÜM was established in 1968 as a sub-unit of the Directorate General of Occupational Health and Safety of Ministry of Labour

and Social Security in Turkey in light of the agreement reached between the Turkish Government and the International Labour

Organization (ILO) within the framework of the International Program for the Improvement of Working Conditions and Environment (PIACT).

Main activities of İSGÜM are as following:

1. Providing scientific basis for the management and prevention of

occupational accidents & diseases by scientific research activities;

2. Performing physical and chemical measurements and analyses;

3. Determining whether the laboratory measurement results are complying with limit values in the regulations;

4. Carrying out biological measurements and medical examinations of employees; and

5. Providing OSH consultancy and training.

For more information:

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