Overview

Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC)

Subsidiary organ of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)

Operating in Ankara, Republic of Turkey since 1 June 1978.
Basic mandate of SESRIC is threefold:

1. **STATISTICS**: To collate, process and disseminate socio-economic statistics and information on and for the utilisation of the Member States
2. **RESEARCH**: To study and evaluate the economic and social developments in the Member States to help generate proposals that will initiate and enhance cooperation among them
3. **TRAINING and TECHNICAL COOPERATION**: To organise training programmes in selected fields geared to the needs of the Member States as well as to the general objectives of the Organisation of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC)

I. Statistics Department

- SESRIC is the major socio-economic information bank on and for OIC Member States
- Regularly sending questionnaires to NSOs of member states
- Motion Charts (trends of several indicators over time) and Thematic Maps (comparative situation of the OIC Member States for the given theme with varying colors)
- Publishing Statistical Yearbook of OIC Countries and Basic Facts and Figures on OIC Member Countries
BASEIND: main statistical database

- is the most comprehensive database for the 57 OIC MCs,
- serves as the primary statistical source for publications of SESRIC,
- is also available online, free of charge
- provides data for over 260 variables under 18 categories since 1970,
II. Research Department

- SESRIC is the main socio-economic research organ of OIC.
- Undertaking research activities on various issues of concern to OIC Member States, giving priority to the sectors of OIC Ten-Year Programme of action:
  - Poverty, agriculture, education, foreign trade, tourism, industry ... etc
- Analysing the prevailing situation at OIC level
- Suggesting the appropriate policy actions
- Preparing technical background reports and papers on several issues on the agenda of various OIC conferences and meetings:
  - Annual Economic Report on OIC Countries
  - Economic Problems of the Least Developed and Land Locked OIC Countries
  - International Tourism in OIC Countries: Prospects and Challenges
  - Education: Prospects and Challenges in OIC Member Countries
  - Tobacco Control in OIC Member Countries

Publications of Research Department

- Annual Economic Report on OIC Countries
- Economic Problems of the Least Developed and Land Locked OIC Countries
- International Tourism in OIC Countries: Prospects and Challenges
- Education: Prospects and Challenges in OIC Member Countries
- Tobacco Control in OIC Member Countries
III. Training and Technical Cooperation Department

- Capacity building programmes (CBPs)
- Technical cooperation activities
- Vocational Education and Training Programme for OIC Member Countries (OIC-VET)
- Joint Projects and Other Initiatives

Training and Technical Cooperation Department

- SESRIC is the focal point for implementing and promoting coordination among relevant institutions to enhance training activities in the OIC Member States
- Undertaking strong and close cooperation and collaboration with the most relevant international and regional organizations in the field of training and technical cooperation
- Organising short-term training courses, workshops, and seminars in various fields and areas of interest to the member countries
- Publishing Training Cooperation E-Newsletter
Technical Cooperation Activities

- SESRIC is the focal point for OIC’s technical cooperation activities and projects with other international organizations
- working in close cooperation with technical departments, member countries and international institutions
- turning the proficiency of the center in statistic, social and economic research to practical and real-life projects
- effective and on time reach to the field on the issues affecting the lives of people

Technical Cooperation Priorities

- Economic and commercial cooperation
- Developing the relations between OIC and the other international organizations
- Supporting development and decreasing poverty
- Advancement in the areas of high education, science and technology and e-government
- Empowerment of women, youth, children and the family as a whole in the Islamic World
We recognize the importance of vocational education and training in socio-economic development of the OIC Member countries and welcome the launch of the Vocational Education and Training Programme for OIC Member Countries (OIC-VET). We ask the member countries to facilitate the OIC-VET.

Official launch of the Programme was made by H.E. Abdullah Gül, the President of the Republic of Turkey during the Economic Summit of COMCEC on 9 November 2009, in Istanbul.
OIC-VET Programme

MAC Meetings

- I. MAC Meeting:
  - 13 May 2009 - İzmir / Turkey

- II. MAC Meeting:
  - 11-12 May 2010 - Antalya / Turkey

- III. MAC Meeting:
  - 17-18 July 2011 - Tehran / Iran

- IV MAC Meeting:
  - 26-28 November 2012 – Yaoundé / Cameroon

OBJECTIVES

- to provide exchange of people
- to improve the innovation capacity of vocational training systems
- to promote the quality and the volume of cooperation among training institutions
- to advance the transparency and recognition of qualifications and competencies
- to support the development of Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
Potential Beneficiaries of the Programme

- Enterprises, industrial companies, SMEs
- Business world, chambers, stock exchanges
- VET institutions, centres, universities
- Research centres and institutes
- Local administrations, municipalities
- NGOs and other civil society organizations
- and others…

OIC-VET Programme

National Focal Points (NFPs)

National Focal Points are national offices that have been designated and set up by national authorities in charge of vocational education and training affairs in each OIC Member Country. There are currently 34 National Focal Points in the OIC-VET Programme. 10 of them have joined since the last MAC Meeting in 2011.

an online platform of information to maintain, monitor and enhance information of their institutions and available training categories
An optimised virtual pool
Public and private sectors
Development and competitiveness of the economies of the OIC Member States
Effectively participate in project implementations within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme.
Facilitating the process of matching capacities and needs in the related areas of activities in order to effectively plan and implement OIC-VET projects.

OIC-VET Programme

OIC-VET Partners Database

OIC-VET Partner Search
1. Agriculture & Environment
   - Agriculture Capacity Building Programme (OIC Agri-CaB)
   - OIC Cotton Training Programme (OIC-CTP)
   - Environment Capacity Building Programme (Environment-CaB)

2. Statistics
   - Statistical Capacity Building (Stat-CaB)

3. Economy & Finance
   - Central Banks Capacity Building Programme
   - Capacity Building Programme for Stock Exchanges
   - Knowledge Sharing Platform on Payment Systems

4. Employment
   - İSMEK Master Trainer Programme (İMTP)
   - OIC International Student Internship Programme (OIC-ISIP)
   - Skill Development for Youth Employment (SDYE)

5. Health
   - IbnSina Health Capacity Building Programme (İbnSina CaB)
   - OIC Tobacco Free Initiative

6. Information & Communication Technologies
   - ICT Capacity Building Programme (ICT CaB)
   - OIC E-Government Working Group (OIC EGoVWG)
   - Turk Telekom ICT Trainers

7. Social Policy
   - OIC Poverty Alleviation Programme (OIC-PAP)
   - OIC Peace and Security Capacity Building (OIC-PaSCaB)

8. Labour & Social Security
   - Occupational Safety and Health Capacity Building (OSHCaB)
   - OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network (OSHNET)
OIC-VET Programme

Activities & Capacity Building Programmes (CBPs)

HOW DOES THE SYSTEM WORK?

- Planning
- Implementation
- Evaluation
- Dissemination

National Institutions

Analysis

Dissemination

Evaluation

Implementation

OIC-VET Capacity Building Programmes (CBPs)

OIC Cotton Training Programme (OIC-CTP)

Training Course on ‘Agronomy: Crop Rotation’ in Mozambique

17-18 January 2013, MAPUTO / MOZAMBIQUE
14-16 January 2013, Maputo / Mozambique
Training Course on ‘Agronomy: Crop Management’ in Mozambique

OIC-Cotton Training Programme (OIC-CTP)

- Within the framework of the implementation of the OIC 5-Year Action Plan on Cotton
- 13 Training Programmes in 9 OIC Member Countries since 2011

Participating Countries:
Uganda, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Bangladesh, Senegal, Sudan, Mali, Mozambique, Turkey, Nigeria, Togo, Egypt, Pakistan
OIC-VET Capacity Building Programmes (CBPs)

Environment Capacity Building Programme (Environment-CaB)

6-7 February 2013, Baku / Azerbaijan
Training Course on 'Water Resources Management'

23-24 November 2011, Khartoum / Sudan
Training Course on 'Water Resources Management'
OIC-VET Programme

İSMEK Master Trainer Programme (İMTP)
25 JUNE 2012, ISTANBUL / TURKEY
A Study Visit on “Vocational Education Experiences of İSMEK”

OIC-VET Capacity Building Programmes (CBPs)
Competition Authorities Capacity Building Programme (CA-CaB)

Competition Authorities Capacity Building Programme (CA-CaB) has been initiated in 2012 in collaboration with Turkish Competition Authority.
SESRIC has established OIC Poverty Alleviation Programme (OIC-PAP) to have more active and vital role in coordination of all possible future events, trainings, capacity building programmes, research and other activities.

The questionnaire was jointly prepared by Ministry of Family and Social Policy of the Republic of Turkey and disseminated by March 2012 among the Member Countries.
OIC-VET Programme

Skill Development for Youth Employment (SDYE)

11-13 JANUARY 2012, ANKARA / TURKEY
Study Visit on Skill Development for Youth Employment

OIC-VET Programme

OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network (OIC-OSHNET)

4 MAY 2012, ŞANLIURFA / TURKEY
“26th Occupational Safety and Health Week” in the Republic of Turkey
OIC-VET Capacity Building Programmes (CBPs)

Central Banks Capacity Building Programme (CB-CaB)

26-28 JUNE 2012, ANKARA / TURKEY
Training Course on 'Islamic Financial Instruments'
OIC-VET Programme

Tobacco Free OIC Initiative

20-22 JUNE 2012, ERZURUM / TURKEY
Study Visit on “Tobacco Control Policies”

24-25 JUNE 2012, SANA'A / YEMEN
Training Course on ‘Modern Hospital Management Trends’
Statistical Capacity Building Programme (Stat-CaB)

27 Training Courses on various statistical subjects were implemented in 2011 and 2012 in the NSOs of more than 11 member countries.

Aims to bring about a dynamic platform for the NSOs of OIC Member Countries to share and exchange knowledge and best practices

Organised jointly with Islamic Development Bank (IDB)
1st Session: 11-12 April 2011 in Istanbul, Turkey
2nd Session: 13-15 May 2012 in Izmir, Turkey
3rd Session: 10-12 April 2013 in Ankara, Turkey

Established 3 working groups and related technical committee of experts about:
- Statistical Indicators Specific to OIC MCs
- Development of Strategic Vision for the OIC-StatCom
- Development of Accreditation Program for Statistical Professionals

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OIC-VET Capacity Building Programmes (CBPs)

OIC Statistical Commission
OIC-VET Capacity Building Programmes (CBPs)

Information and Communications Technology Capacity Building Programme (ICT-CaB)

Implemented

Training Course on “Health Information System” in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 22-24 March 2012.

A Visit to the e-Government Program (YEesser) of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 3 October 2011.

Expert Mission to the Central Department of Statistics and Information of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia between 1-5 October 2011.

International Conference on eGovernment: Sharing Experiences (eGOVsharE2009) on 8-11 December 2009 in Ankara, Turkey

Objectives:
• to provide a platform for leaders, public managers and professionals, researchers as well as academicians from all over the world to share their practices, ideas and research results.
• to explore collaboration potentials through the exchange of practical experiences in eGovernment project implementations within the region.

SESRIC’s Meeting with the Representatives of OIC Member Countries on the Sideline of the ‘International Conference on eGovernment: Sharing Experiences (eGOVsharE2009)’ on December 9, 2009 in Ankara, Turkey

The meeting was attended by 40 participants from both public and private sectors in 14 OIC member countries, namely: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Kyrgyz Rep., Lebanon, Morocco, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Sudan, Syria and Turkey.
Some of the OIC projects that have been suggested during the meeting:
1. Establishment of a follow-up committee to meet regularly and come out with recommendations pertinent to eGovernment applications.
2. Creation of an Information Portal by SESRIC whereby members can share problems and solutions
   - Establishment of an eGovernment Experts Database
   - Establishment of an OIC ePractice community
   - Initiation of an ICT fellowship programme
3. Establishment of some working groups with the view to work on different aspects of eGovernment, such as:
   - Norms and standards of OIC eGovernment Applications and Practices
   - Security
   - eLearning
   - Determining the sub-regional technical cooperation groups for sharing eGovernment experiences
4. Establishment of sub-regional technical cooperation groups for sharing eGovernment experiences
   - Organization of annual OIC meetings on eGovernment applications
   - Establishment of an International Islamic ICT Union


Objectives:
To emphasize the importance of utilizing the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) and e-Government as a tool for the achievement of sustainable development and enhanced decision making.
* To define the basic, current and prospective, needs, obstacles and electronics-related priority issues in the field of e-government and municipal services.
* To define the strategic and empirical considerations for implementing electronic municipal and e-Government services and e-service documentation and processes.
* To exchange experiences between the different municipalities and specialized agencies, in the field of local e-Government services, and presentation of the best practices at both regional and international levels.
First Meeting of the OIC E-Government Working Group on 6-7 July 2011 in Ankara, Turkey

Delegates from six OIC Member Countries including Iran, Lebanon, Malaysia, Syria, Turkey and Uzbekistan and observers from academia and public sector participated in the Meeting.

05-06 July 2011, ANKARA / TURKEY
First Meeting of the OIC E-Government Working Group
OIC-VET Capacity Building Programmes (CBPs)

Information and Communications Technology Capacity Building Programme (ICT-CaB) – Capacity Building

22-24 March 2012, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Training Course on “Health Information System”

OIC-VET Capacity Building Programmes (CBPs)

Information and Communications Technology Capacity Building Programme (ICT-CaB) – Expert Mission

SESRIC visited the e-Government Program (YESSER) of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 3 October 2011
Examples of Technical Cooperation

SESRIC acts as the focal point of OIC in its relations with other international institutions and countries

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The Meeting of the Central Banks and Monetary Authorities of the OIC Member Countries—2011 has been organized by SESRIC, in collaboration with the Central Bank of Malaysia (Bank Negara Malaysia) and held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 16th November 2011 under the theme “Central Banking and Financial Sector Development”.

The 2012 Meeting of the Central Banks and Monetary Authorities of the OIC Member Countries has been organized by SESRIC, in collaboration with the Central Bank of Turkey (TCMB), and held in Istanbul, Turkey on 15 May 2012 under the theme “Promoting Strong and Stable Capital Flows among OIC Countries: Roles of the Financial Sector and Central Banks”.

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In accordance with the decision of the 27th Session of COMCEC, SESRIC, organized, in collaboration with the IDB, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Organization of the Republic of Turkey (KOSGEB) and SME Corporation Malaysia (SME Corp Malaysia), a workshop on ‘Enhancing the Competitiveness of Small and Medium Sized Enterprises in the OIC Member States’ in Ankara, Republic of Turkey, on 12-14 June 2012.

Kazakhstan Report
Seven country case studies, namely Egypt, Jordan, Pakistan, Qatar, Senegal, Kazakhstan and Indonesia are underway to be published in 2012. Kazakhstan report is undertaken by SESRIC. Accordingly, the Centre conducted the first phase of fieldwork in Kazakhstan between 19-26 February 2012 in Astana and Almaty respectively.

Fourth Joint Management Team Meeting (JMT)
11-12 December 2011, Doha / Qatar

The Fourth Meeting of the Joint Management Team (JMT) of the Atlas of Islamic World Science and Innovation Project was held on 11-12 December 2011 in Doha, Qatar, where also the Qatar Country Report has been launched. The meeting reviewed the status and progress of the project since the last JMT Meeting held in Istanbul on 11-12 June 2011.
SESRIC attended the OIC-UN General Meeting on Cooperation which was held on 1-3 May 2012 in Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting reviewed cooperation and appraisal of progress achieved made so far in priority areas of political dimensions and socio-economic development since the last meeting held in Istanbul on 29 June - 1 July 2010.

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