

DID YOU KNOW?

- **Carbon dioxide emissions** are the emissions stemming from the burning of fossil fuels and the manufacture of cement. They include carbon dioxide produced during consumption of solid, liquid, and gas fuels and gas flaring. As CO₂ emissions and climate change are positively correlated, integrating principles of sustainable development into country policies and programmes is accepted as one of targets of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to ensure environmental sustainability in the future.
- In 2008, the OIC member countries as a group emitted 3,778,080 kt of CO₂, which constituted only 12.7% of the world total. Iran, Saudi Arabia and Indonesia produced 37% of the OIC total with emission levels above 400,000 kt. Adding the figures of Turkey, Kazakhstan, Egypt and Malaysia the emissions of these seven countries alone accounted for more than 60% the CO₂ emissions of the OIC total.
- When per capita levels are analyzed, with an emission level of 2.5 metric tons, OIC average was less than the average of developing countries, 2.7 metric tons, in 2008.
- However, the per capita emissions of 15 member countries are higher than the world average of 4.5 metric tons. Eight of them, namely Qatar, Kuwait, Brunei, UAE, Bahrain, Oman, Saudi Arabia and Kazakhstan, produced even more than the average of developed countries, 11.9 metric tons per capita.

