

**Recommendations Adopted at the Workshop on
"Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in OIC Member
Countries: Needs and Capacity Assessment"**

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Desiring to promote multilateral cooperation and to develop concrete joint actions aiming at serving the socio-economic development of OIC member countries, the representatives of national technical and vocational education and training authorities, OIC institutions, international partners met on 09-11 May 2016 in Ankara during the Workshop on "Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in OIC Member Countries: Needs and Capacity Assessment", jointly organized by the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), the Association of Education for Future and the UNDP Istanbul International Centre for Private Sector in Development, where after fruitful discussions on submitted themes of cooperation by institutions, representatives tentatively agreed upon the following recommendations:

1. **Urging** relevant authorities in member states to actively support the OIC Vocational Education and Training Programme (OIC-VET) to improve the quality of technical and vocational education and training (TVET) in the public and private sectors with the aim of supporting and enhancing the opportunities for individuals to develop their knowledge and skills and thus to contribute to the development and competitiveness of the economies;
2. **Acknowledging** the need for the provision of international integrated efforts in OIC community to facilitate, implement and monitor programs and projects to mitigate collective challenges in employment and youth employability faced by the OIC member countries;
3. **Conducting** joint studies and scientific research in the fields of TVET, as well as collecting statistical data and information in the areas that are vital for the preparation of strategic plans, cooperation frameworks, programme of actions and projects for institutional and human capacity building in relevant fields;
4. **Launching** new projects and programs to build a safe, strong and prosperous Ummah which comprises all citizens without exception, based

on the results of the studies and research, and analysis of the needs and capacities of the TVET institutions;

5. **Exchanging** technical assistance for the purpose of joint research, capacity building, training and consultation on the issues of common interest, including inter alia, harmonization of the concepts on TVET, developing policies, training of trainers, national qualification, accreditation, certification, occupational standards and modular training programmes through collaboration with relevant national, regional, international and OIC institutions;
6. **Strengthening** the engagement of TVET institutions with key stakeholders within the Islamic world and elsewhere with a view to supporting them to become strong active partners towards achieving the change and progress in OIC region within the framework of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 2030 Agenda;
7. **Acknowledging** the need for improving connection between TVET providers, industry and driving economic sectors in skills design and delivery, including the integration of labour market signals as inputs for more demand-driven trainings, development of occupational standards and qualifications, delivery of practical and industry-relevant skills, upgrading of infrastructure of training institutions, establishment of job placement centers, job fairs and skill competitions;
8. **Supporting** joint efforts through inter alia, organizing training courses, seminars, conferences, workshops, experts assignments and study tours with a view to exchanging knowledge and experience among relevant authorities;
9. **Enriching** the already developed common knowledge sharing platform for TVET institutions, namely www.oicvet.org, to facilitate exchanging relevant information and documents, including research, reports and any other information related to their activities;
10. **Expressing** strong aspiration in the establishment of specific working groups on common issues of interest to member countries, including 1. Preparation of strategic plan 2. Qualification and quality assurance systems,

3. Occupational standards and 4. Certification and modular training programmes in order to develop a continuous network among relevant institutions to ensure exchange of experiences and best practices with the purpose of developing new initiatives for the promotion of better TVET systems;

11. **Inviting** TVET authorities, in collaboration with international organisations, to identify and assess the fundamental problems and challenges on the ground, highlighting practical approaches that are regarded to be crucial in increasing employability of people, particularly of youth, women and people with special needs;

12. **Recommending** establishment of an independent institution on TVET working under the umbrella of OIC;

13. **Expressing** strong satisfaction with the implementation of the Workshop and appreciation to SESRIC for hosting the Workshop in Ankara, Republic of Turkey.