

ICDT's NEW TRADE-RELATED STATISTICAL/SYSTEMS

TRADE INFORMATION NETWORK FOR ISLAMIC COUNTRIES (TINIC):

In compliance with the COMCEC's relevant resolutions, I.C.D.T has set up a Trade Information Network for Islamic Countries (TINIC) since 1996; this system is one of the components of the OICIS-NET,

Content of databases:

TINIC was redesigned and restructured since October 2001 in order to meet the needs and expectations of the private and professional associations; its Internet site is operational and accessible on the following address <http://www.icdt-oic.org>. The site's visitors can find all the databases existing in TINIC/CD ROM, Sophisticated search engines have been developed around the major databases to help Internet users of our site to obtain screened information in a simple manner, Besides, to save time and increase efficiency, registration forms are available and operational on our site to enable visitors wishing to subscribe to our data bases to do so directly through Internet.

TINIC manages the following databases:

DATABASES:

- ✓ Business Opportunities;
- ✓ Economic operators;
- ✓ Economic indicators;
- ✓ Trade statistics;
- ✓ Exhibitions and events;
- ✓ Virtual Fair;
- ✓ News;
- ✓ Customs tariffs;
- ✓ Trade guides per country;
- ✓ Studies and publications.

Aware of the more and more pressing demand of the main economic actors, ICDT is doing its best to collect the largest number of information that can help economic actors find outlets for their products and also make known their trade opportunities to Member States as well as to the rest of the world.

These databases are at currently being finalised and soon, it will be possible to consult them at ICDT's web site at the following address: <http://www.icdt-oic.org>.

These are:

- ✓ CUSTOMS TARIFFS
- ✓ NON-TARIFF MEASURES
- ✓ VIRTUAL EXHIBITIONS
- ✓ MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS/WTO

Utilisation platforms of TINIC:

To give more chance to economic operators to find outlets to their products and make known their business opportunities in Member States as well as in the rest of the world. I.C.D.T proposes very attractive formulas, and sometimes free of charge to sister institutions by providing them with a space on its web site, these shop windows and/or virtual fair are meant to serve as promotional and communication platform to the different economic operators of Member States.

Those operators, which have subscribed to additional services will receive automatically all the updates of the databases as well as the new versions of TINIC software.

After the design stages of the architecture of the databases and the choice of a means of communication, the central problem in an information system remains the collection of relevant data, their updating and the promotional system as well.

On these grounds, ICDT lays stress on these two aspects and in particular on the speeding up of data collection process, which should benefit from the contribution of Member States and the combined intervention of the OIC Organs, notably ICDT, IDB and ICCI.

In compliance with ICDT's new strategy which has reoriented ICDT's work towards the execution of concrete promotion, training and trade information activities with a view to meeting the expectations of foreign trade operators and in order to better promote Inter-Islamic trade and update its databases, ICDT is constantly looking for new information sources and partners that can collaborate for the success of this project:

- ✓ Acquisition of data bases relating to the world trade (WB, UN, WTO);
- ✓ Partnership agreement for data development and collection (UNCTAD, WTO, IDB);
- ✓ Focal points meetings;
- ✓ Presentation of services offered by I.C.D.T and TINIC, particularly during the last O.I.C events and others,
- ✓ Seeking of new (financial and human) resources with a view to better promoting and boosting Inter-Islamic trade.

Proposals

OIC TIJARI Exchange

TINIC is constantly being redesigned and restructured in order to meet the needs and expectations of the private sector, professional associations and researchers.

OIC TIJARI EXCHANGE is a new database which will be implemented in a view to complement TINIC at the end of 2009.

OIC TIJARI EXCHANGE will provide on-line access to the OIC 57 Member Countries trade database and present indicators on export performance, international demand, markets and competitors from both the product and country perspective.

OIC TIJARI EXCHANGE will operate in a web-based interactive environment and covers the trade flows (values, trends, market share, and unit values, both in graphic and tabular format) of OIC Member States and products defined at the **2-4-6-digits** level of the Harmonized System.

OIC TIJARI EXCHANGE features will include:

Analysis of present export markets: Examine the profile and dynamics of export markets for any product, assess the value, size and concentration of exports and highlight countries market shares evolution.

Pre-selection of priority markets: View the OIC's major importing countries, illustrate the extent of import concentration and in which countries demand has increased over the past five years.

Overview of competitors in OIC's Member States global and specific markets:

Identify the OIC leading exporting countries for a given product; highlight a country's position in OIC exports or in the imports of partner, neighboring countries and third-party countries.

Identification of existing and potential bilateral trade with any OIC partner country: Identify product-specific opportunities and trends by comparing actual bilateral trade, the total import demand of partner countries and the overall export supply capacity of the home country.

Information on tariffs: View information on tariff equivalent ad valorem faced by OIC Member Countries in their exportations or applied by importing countries (customs duties as well as multilateral, regional and bilateral preferences, Bound tariffs, Tariff-quotas: multilateral and bilateral Anti-dumping duties, Rules of Origin and Certificates of Origin, Trade flows: import/export statistics Import Tariffs : ad valorem, specific and ad valorem equivalents of the specific tariffs) in collaboration with UNCTAD TRAINS database and ITC's databases.

Information on the TPS/OIC negotiations: with a view to put all related information regarding the TPS-OIC Agreement and the PRETAS in the TINIC so as to enable people to be aware of the ongoing negotiations regarding this agreement.