

OIC & SESRIC INITIATIVES FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION

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ISMEK Master Trainer Programme

OIC International Internship Programme

Capacity Building Programmes



OIC INITIATIVES FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION

OIC Ten Year Program of Action

- adopted at the Third Extra-Ordinary Summit of the OIC in Makkah Al-Mukarramah (December 2005)
- aims to enhance Islamic solidarity to overcome the challenges facing Ummah by fostering closer cooperation among member states
- majority of programs in OIC- TYPOA focus on different aspects of poverty and deprivation

The Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISFD)

- US\$10 billion financing window launched in May 2007 that aims to foster sustainable economic development and growth
- extended US\$605 million for 57 projects in different sectors in 28 member states
- focusing mainly on Human Development and Agriculture & Food Security projects
- Two thematic programs for Poverty Alleviation:
 - Vocational Literacy Program (VOLIP)
 - Microfinance Support Program (MFSP)

The Special Program for the Development of Africa (SPDA)

- US\$12 billion facility aimed at advancing for pro-poor activities
- The SPDA focuses on:
 - Agriculture and food security;
 - Water and sanitation;
 - Power generation and distribution;
 - Transport infrastructure;
 - Education system; and
 - Eliminating major communicable diseases.
- As of March 2011, US\$ 3.06 billion has been approved for 296 operations in 22 Sub-Saharan Member Countries

Five-Year Cotton Action Plan (2007-2011)

- Sector specific program to improve industrial capacity and value-addition
- Action Plan aimed to:
 - enhance productivity and production techniques;
 - strengthen structural capacities and organizations;
 - develop the field of processing and marketing;
 - trade and international competitiveness; and
 - arrange finances for the activities.
- So far US\$14.6 million have been disbursed



SESRIC INITIATIVES FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION

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

- **SESRIC is a subsidiary organ of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) located in Ankara**
- **Basic mandate of SESRIC is threefold:**
 - **To collate, process and disseminate socio-economic statistics and information on the Member States**
 - **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**
 - **To organize training programs in selected fields geared to the needs of the Member States as well as to the general objectives of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation**

SESRIC's Poverty Alleviation Strategy

- focuses on human development and capacity building in the OIC Member Countries
- Vocational Education and Training Programme for OIC Member Countries (OIC-VET)
 - «UNLEASHING HUMAN POTENTIAL THROUGH COLLABORATION»



The Vocational Education and Training Programmes for OIC Member Countries

Initiated by SESRIC to improve the quality of vocational education and training in public and private sectors with the aim of improving the competencies and skills of the people according to the needs and priorities of labor markets through intra-OIC partnerships at institutional level.



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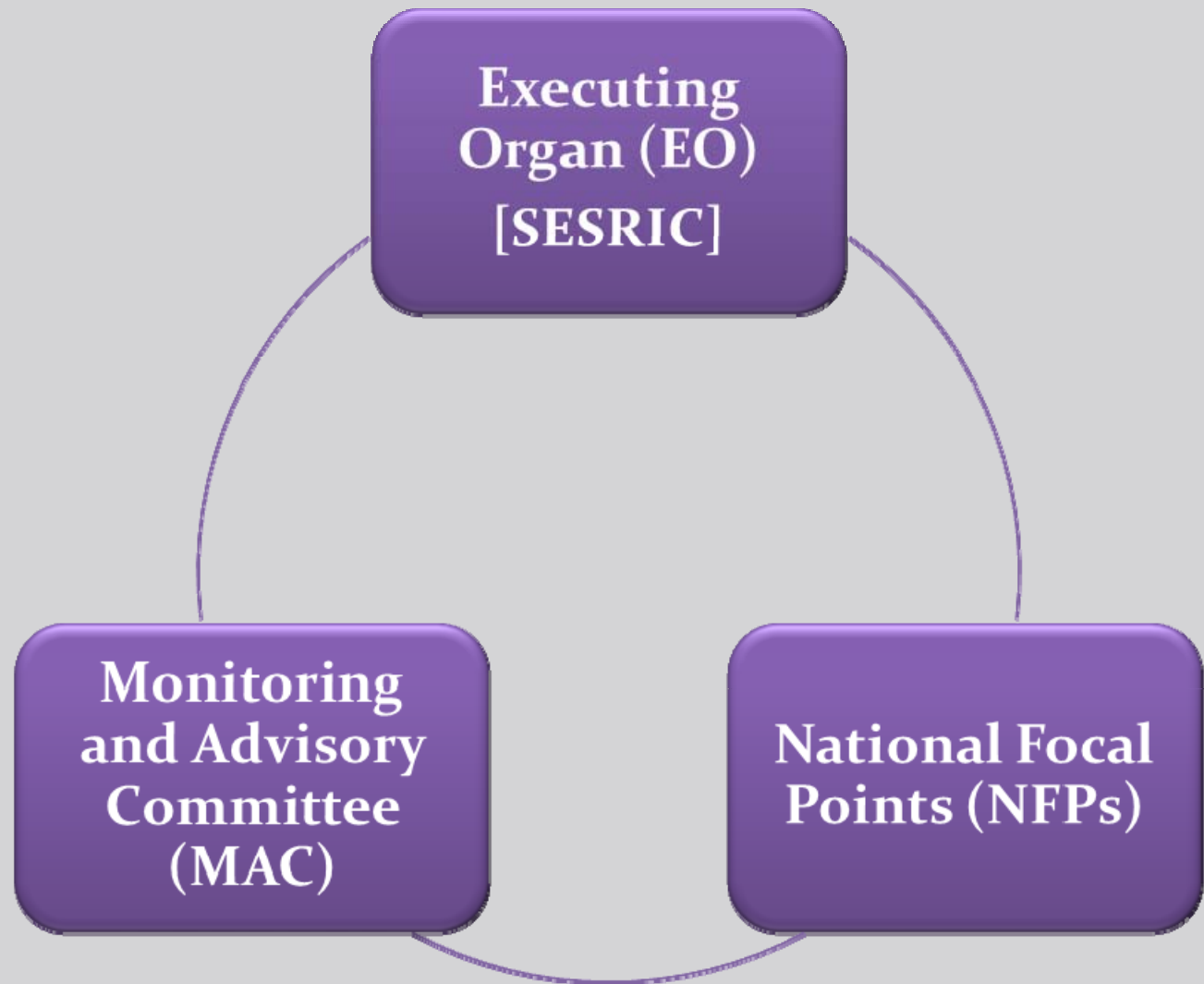


Partners & Beneficiaries of OIC-VET

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

MECHANISM OF OIC-VET PROGRAMME

The OIC-VET Programme is run together by Monitoring and Advisory Committee (MAC), Executing OIC Organ (SESRIC) and National Focal Points (NFPs).



National Focal Points of OIC-VET

1. Azerbaijan
2. Bahrain
3. Bangladesh
4. Brunei Darussalam
5. Cameroon
6. Gabon
7. Gambia
8. Indonesia
9. Iran
10. Iraq
11. Jordan
12. Malaysia
13. Maldives
14. Morocco
15. Oman
16. Qatar
17. Pakistan
18. Saudi Arabia
19. Senegal
20. Sierra Leone
21. Syria
22. Togo
23. Tunisia
24. Turkey
25. United Arab Emirates
26. Yemen

Type of Activities



OIC-VET

Transfer of
People

- Labour
- University Students
- Professionals

Transfer of
Innovative
Practices

Training
Networks

Some Sub-Programs and Planned Projects under OIC-VET



- ISMEK Master Trainer Programme
- OIC International Student Exchange Programme
- Capacity Building Program
- Workshop on `Innovative Social Assistance Strategies in Poverty Alleviation`
- Study Visit on Skill Development for Youth Employment
- Workshop on `Vocational Training Need Analysis in Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Sector in OIC Member Countries`

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ISMEK MASTER TRAINER PROGRAMME (IMTP)

ISMEK Master Trainer Programme (IMTP) is a joint programme between SESRIC and the Centre for Art and Vocational Training Courses of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (ISMEK), initiated at beginning of 2011 .

In this context, ISMEK provides free training courses to master trainers in various institutions in OIC Member Countries, under different branches.



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OIC INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (OIC-ISIP)

The OIC International Student Internship Programme (OIC-ISIP) is a special international internship programme developed under the OIC-VET Programme and operated under the International Business Forum (IBF) hosted by Independent Industrialists and Businessmen's Association (MÜSİAD).

It basically aims to enhance the quality of workforce employed in OIC Member Countries and strengthen integrity and convergence of labour markets, and promote competitiveness of OIC economies through increasing knowledge and skills of university students about to enter into the labour market.



CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMMES (CABs)

More than 300 professionals in various socio-economic fields from various OIC Member Countries has participated in SESRIC's CaBs last year.



Cotton Training Programme (CTP)

IMPLEMENTED

- Training Course on Plant Protection: Disease in Uganda in June 2011
- Training Course on Breeding and Biotechnology: Pedigree Selection in Azerbaijan in June 2011
- Training Course on Quality Improvement: Seed Quality and Preparation in Kazakhstan in September 2011

PLANNED

- Training Course on Breeding and Biotechnology: Hybridization in Bangladesh in October 2011
- Training Course on Plant Protection: Insects in Senegal in November

Workshop on “Innovative Social Assistance Strategies in Poverty Alleviation”

- in December 2011, Ankara Turkey
- in collaboration with
 - Islamic Research and Training Institute (IRTI)
 - National Development Planning Agency of Indonesia (BAPPENAS)
 - The Ministry of Family and Social Policies of the Republic of Turkey
- The objective is
 - to facilitate exchange of knowledge and best practices among relevant institutions
 - organizing training programmes among them

Study Visit on “Skill Development for Youth Employment”

- in January 2012, Ankara Turkey
- in collaboration with
 - Islamic Development Bank (IDB)
 - Ministry of National Education of the Republic of Turkey
 - The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB)
- The ultimate aims is
 - to establish effective vocational education and training programmes to prevent the youth unemployment due to skill mismatches and
 - to provide employment to these youngsters

Workshop on “Vocational Training Need Analysis in Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in OIC Member Countries”

- in collaboration with Turk Telekom Akademi in 2012
- The major aim is to
 - listen ICT experiences of different member countries
 - find out their needs and capabilities that can be matched for training programmes in the field of ICT

Thank you very much



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