



VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMME
FOR OIC MEMBER COUNTRIES

RECOMMENDATIONS

ADOPTED AT

**THE FOURTH MEETING OF MONITORING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF
THE OIC-VET PROGRAMME**

26–28 NOVEMBER 2012
YAOUNDE – REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON

The Monitoring and Advisory Committee (MAC) of the OIC-VET Programme adopted the following recommendations in its Fourth Meeting, which was held on 26-28 November 2012, in Yaoundé, Republic of Cameroon;

1. The Committee **expressed** strong satisfaction with the implementation of OIC-VET Programme and **welcomed** the launching of planned projects to be implemented in coordination with National Focal Points of the Member States and concerned OIC Institutions.
2. The Committee **expressed** strong satisfaction with the increasing number of National Focal Points (NFPs) and **called upon** the Member States that have not done so, to designate their National Focal Points (NFPs) for the OIC-VET Programme and OIC-OSHNET Programme.
3. The Committee **recommended** Member Countries to give more emphasis on the needs of informal sector, micro enterprises, training mechanisms, training of trainers (ToT) and sharing best practices in vocational training programmes.
4. The Committee **requested** SESRIC to prioritize Least Developed Countries (LDCs) in the activities of OIC-VET Programme through human and financial resources, to increase the number of training courses and to provide incentives for best practices in TVET in OIC Member Countries.
5. The Committee **recommended** Member Countries to allocate further resources in order to increase the number of training institutions in their respective countries to train more experts.
6. The Committee **requested** SESRIC to enhance and extend current questionnaires with a view to customize trainings according to specific country needs.
7. The Committee **recommended** SESRIC, along with the IDB to establish an accreditation and certification body for OIC Member Countries formulating quality assurance and technical and vocational qualification (TVQ) framework to ensure that all vocational bodies in member countries fulfill the necessary criteria.
8. The Committee **requested** SESRIC to cooperate with Iran in order to facilitate the usage of “Virtual Training” website (www.eskill.ir) for the benefit of all member countries by internalizing the software through adding three official languages of OIC – English, Arabic and French.
9. The Committee **requested** SESRIC to include centers of excellences, private sector organizations/entities, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from the Member Countries as well as resource persons and experts of TVET from developed countries to the next and future MAC Meetings in order to facilitate the sharing of best practices at different levels.
10. The Committee **agreed** to give special considerations to assist Union of Comoros in capacity building, resource sharing, and financing of the skills development projects of TVET due to the unique geographical situation of the country.
11. The Committee **requested** SESRIC to closely monitor and evaluate the short, medium and long term effects of trainings organized within the framework of OIC-VET Programme.

12. The Committee **recommended** SESRIC, in collaboration with IDB, to organize Islamic Countries Skills Competition (ICSC) and **called upon** Member Countries to take advantage of 42nd WorldSkills Competition which will be held on July 2013 by presenting Islamic skills, tradition and culture.
13. The Committee **recommended** SESRIC to organize quarterly meetings online in order to monitor the implementation of the activities and get the feedback of member countries.
14. The Committee **requested** SESRIC to enrich the existing database for TVET experts in the field of e-government, occupational safety and health, environment and statistics and to cover other areas under the OIC-VET Programme.
15. The Committee **welcomed** the proposal of ISMEK in organizing a workshop on “The Role of Vocational Education on Member Cities’ Development” and to initiate a capacity building programme for municipal services including municipal administration, environmental and public finance management.
16. The Committee **recommended** Member Countries in line with the suggestion of ISMEK to increase the current funds of SESRIC allocated to OIC-VET Programme through the creation of “Vocational Education Projects Fund”.
17. The Committee **requested** SESRIC to effectively announce, disseminate and inform member countries and NFPs on its activities through social media instruments.
18. The Committee **welcomed** the OIC International Students Internship Programme (OIC-ISIP), and **called upon** SESRIC and Independent Industrialists and Businessmen's Association (MUSIAD) to enlarge the programme, identify priority sectors for 2013 and make all the necessary announcements through all channels.
19. The Committee **welcomed** the proposal to give more emphasis on entrepreneurship and to organize vocational education exhibitions in order to enhance cooperation and exchanges in vocational education among member countries.
20. The Committee **requested** SESRIC to cooperate with Turkey and Pakistan in order to establish a web portal within the framework of OIC-VET Working Groups where the best practices will be identified, collected and shared and training of trainers will be developed.
21. The Committee **expressed** its thanks and strong appreciation to Ministry of Vocational Training and Employment (MINEFOP) of Republic of Cameroon for organizing the Fourth Meeting of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee of the OIC-VET, in collaboration with SESRIC, on 26-28 November 2012 in Yaoundé, Republic of Cameroon.