



CONCEPT NOTE

**Training Session on
Guidelines for Preparing, Drafting and Submitting
Progress Reports on Implementing OPAAW**

17-18 September 2019

Ankara, Turkey

1. Background

The First Session of the Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States, held in Turkey on 20-21 November 2006, approved the preparation of the *OIC Plan of Action on the Advancement of Women (OPAAW)*. The OPAAW was subsequently adopted by the Second Session of the Ministerial Conference held in Cairo on 24-25 November 2008. After six years of OPAAW's adoption and five ministerial conferences on women (Istanbul 2006, Cairo 2008, Tehran 2010, Jakarta 2012 and Baku 2014), the Fifth Session of the Ministerial Conference recommended convening of a governmental expert group to review the plan, and study and evaluate the results of earlier ministerial conferences on the role of women in the development of the OIC Member States.

Following a series of expert level meetings organized in Jeddah and Istanbul in line with the recommendations of Fifth Session of the Conference, the OIC General Secretariat submitted the final version of the amended OPAAW to the Sixth Session of the Ministerial Conference held on 1-3 November 2016, Istanbul, Republic of Turkey for the consideration of OIC Member States. The Conference adopted the amended OPAAW and its annexed implementation mechanisms.

Following the adoption of the amended OPAAW and its annexed implementation mechanisms (Resolution 3/6-W) at the Sixth Session of the Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of the OIC Member States, held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 1-3 November 2016, the OIC General Secretariat requested SESRIC to prepare a Guideline for the OIC Member States in order facilitate and standardize the national progress reports regarding the implementation of OPAAW.

In this regard, SESRIC prepared and submitted a draft Guideline to the OIC General Secretariat in December 2017. It was discussed during the Workshop on Developing the Capacities of National Institutions Working in the Field of Women Empowerment in OIC Member States on 17-18 December 2017 in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The paper was further elaborated during the Preparatory Workshop to the Seventh Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of OIC Member States held on 28-29 June 2018 in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. The final version of the Guideline was submitted to the Seventh Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of the OIC Member States, held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso on 30 November -1 December 2018.

During this Conference, the Guideline was elaborated by the OIC Member States and a relevant resolution was adopted (Resolution No.7/7-W on Guidelines for Preparing, Drafting and Submitting Progress Reports on Implementing OPAAW). The Resolution No.7/7-W recommends that the General Secretariat and SESRIC coordinate with the Member States and institutions of

the OIC, to ensure the effective conduct in 2019 of a training session on the guidelines and circulate it to national women's empowerment institutions in the Member States.

In the framework of implementation of the Resolution No.7/7-W, OIC General Secretariat and SESRIC will organize a training session on 17-18 September 2019 at SESRIC's headquarters in Ankara, Republic of Turkey.

2. Objectives

Towards the implementation of the Resolution No.7/7-W on *Guidelines for Preparing, Drafting and Submitting Progress Reports on Implementing OPAAW*, the training session aims at:

- a) Introducing the amended OPAAW and its implementation matrix;
- b) Explaining the Guideline Document for a Unified Reporting and Measurement of OPAAW: National Progress Reports and OPAAW Survey;
- c) Explaining the ways and means of preparing national progress reports, filling out the OPAAW Survey online and submitting them to the OIC General Secretariat;
- d) Elaborating on how the national progress reports and OPAAW Survey results can be reviewed and reported by the OIC General Secretariat in cooperation with SESRIC; and
- e) Facilitating the implementation of amended OPAAW.

3. Modality

The workshop will be organized in two days. In addition to the opening session in the first day and the closing session in the second day, the workshop will include five working sessions. During these working sessions, presentations and discussions will be held on the following sub-themes:

- a) State of women in OIC Member States
- b) Efforts of OIC on empowering women
- c) Guideline document for a unified reporting and measurement of OPAAW: national progress reports
- d) Guideline document for a unified reporting and measurement of OPAAW: OPAAW survey
- e) Discussion of potential issues and challenges by the participants

4. Participants in the Training Session

It is expected that the Training Session will be attended by focal points of OIC Member States who will actively take part in the preparation process of national progress reports and OPAAW

survey. The representatives from the OIC General Secretariat and relevant OIC institutions are also expected to attend the training session.

5. Expected Outcomes of the Training Session

The expected outcomes of the Training Session could be as follows:

- a) Familiarizing participants about the amended OPAAW and its implementation matrix;
- b) Equipping participants with necessary knowledge to prepare the national progress reports and fill out the OPAAW Survey as explained in the Guideline Document;
- c) Informing participants about expectations and timeline regarding the national progress reports and the OPAAW Survey;
- d) Clarification of questions and points that would be a concern for participants from the OIC Member States regarding the reporting mechanism on OPAAW.

6. Time and Venue

The Training Session will take place at SESRIC's headquarters in Ankara, Republic of Turkey and will be held on 17-18 September 2019.

7. Language

The Training Session will proceed in English. Simultaneous translation to Arabic and French will be provided.

Annex: Resolution No.7/7-W

Resolution No.7/7-W on Guidelines for Preparing, Drafting and Submitting Progress Reports on Implementing OPAAW

The Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in Developing the OIC Member States in its seventh session, held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on 30 November through 1 December 2018, on the theme "Women Empowerment in Member States: Challenges and Prospects",

- Recalling the commitments the Member States have made under the OIC Charter;
- Being mindful of the provisions of the Ten-year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Islamic Summit Conference (Makkah Al-Mukarramah, 2005), the Ten-year Programme of Action 2025, along with the conclusions and resolutions of the Islamic Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in Developing the OIC Member States, and the CFM's resolutions, especially Resolution 4/43-C of its 43rd session (Tashkent, 2016) relative to the adoption of the implementation mechanism of OPAAW.

Decides as follows:

1. Encourages the OIC Member States to ensure better implementation of OPAAW, the objectives of which are consistent with women's advancement programmes and plans.
2. Commends the efforts put in by the General Secretariat and other OIC organs, particularly SESRIC, for the elaboration of guidelines to prepare, draft and submit national progress reports on the implementation of OPAAW.
3. Calls on the Member States to incorporate the report drafting methods and criteria outlined in the guidelines, while taking the necessary arrangements to have these reports dully submitted, and calls on the Member States to submit their reports at least three months ahead of the ministerial conference on women.
4. Recommends that the General Secretariat and SESRIC coordinate with the Member States and institutions of the OIC, to ensure the effective conduct in 2019 of a training session on the guidelines and circulate it to national women's empowerment institutions in the Member States.
5. Calls on the Member States to accelerate the process of ratification of the Statutes of the Organization for the Advancement of Women, allowing its entry into force and ensuring follow-up to the implementation of OPAAW.
6. Requests the Secretary General to follow up implementing this resolution and to report thereon both to the 47th Council of Foreign Ministers and to the Eighth Ministerial Conference on Women.