



CONCEPT NOTE

SIXTH MEETING OF THE MONITORING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MAC) OF THE OIC-VET PROGRAMME: "IMPLEMENTATION PLAN OF THE OIC-TVET STRATEGIC ROADMAP 2020-2025"

19-20 DECEMBER 2019

ISTANBUL, TURKEY

1- Background

The Vocational Education and Training Programme for the OIC Member Countries (OIC-VET) was launched at the COMCEC Economic Summit in 2009 to address member countries' needs in improving the quality of vocational education and training 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. In line with the Istanbul Declaration by the leaders attending the COMCEC Economic Summit, since its inception, the OIC-VET Programme has garnered an increasing interest from the member states and pioneered several innovative sub-programmes, projects and initiatives in collaboration with relevant national and international institutions, paving the way for further and enhanced collaboration among the stakeholders in member states.

Pursuant to the adoption of the OIC Programme of Action 2025 during the 13th Islamic Summit Conference held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 14-15 April 2016, and in line with the Sustainable Development Goals of 2030, SESRIC, in its capacity as the Executing Organ of the OIC-VET Programme, considered to explore new ways and means for enhancing the overall quality and impact of the programme for the coming years with a view to increasing its contribution towards enhancing the TVET systems of OIC Member Countries. Thereby, to assess the current needs of the technical and vocational education systems in OIC Member Countries, under the framework of OIC-VET, SESRIC organized the workshop on "Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in OIC Member Countries: Needs and Capacity Assessment" in Ankara, Republic of Turkey on 09-11 May 2016.

The workshop brought together senior managers from member countries, as well as from OIC institutions and international organizations. During the workshop, the current situation of the technical and vocational education and training in OIC Member Countries, and the challenges and problems faced by TVET institutions was discussed. The workshop recommended the establishment of working groups to prepare a strategic roadmap on TVET as a framework of cooperation among relevant stakeholders in order to strengthen TVET system in OIC member countries especially by facilitating and promoting intra-OIC transfer of knowledge and expertise.

In this regard, four preparatory meetings were organized during 2016-2017 in Ankara, Turkey, to draft the OIC-VET Strategic Roadmap as follows:

- Working Group on Preparation of Strategic Plan, 20-21 December 2016
- Working Group on Qualification, Quality Assurance System and Occupational Standards, 24-25 May 2017
- Working Group on Certification and Modular Training Programs, 19-20 July 2017
- Working Group on TVET Teacher Education, 15-16 November 2017

These working groups developed the first draft of OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025 for OIC Member Countries. Afterward, in collaboration with ISESCO, SESRIC finalized the strategy with the experts in this area.

The draft strategic roadmap was extensively discussed during the Second Workshop on Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in OIC Member States which was held on 06-07 November 2018, in Ankara, and the it was recommended to be submitted to the 35th Meeting of the Follow-up Committee of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (COMCEC) held in Ankara, Turkey on 24-25 April 2019. Pursuant to the Resolution of the Follow-up Committee, SESRIC circulated the document to the member countries to get their additional feedbacks and comments. Thereafter, the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025 will be submitted to the 35th Ministerial Session of the COMCEC for adoption.

The Sixth Meeting of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee of the OIC-VET Programme, which is scheduled to be held on 19-20 December 2019 in Istanbul, Turkey, will primarily focus on the implementation plan of the said roadmap and will try to draw a sound and practical mechanism for the realisation, monitoring and evaluation of its long term strategies. The Meeting is expected to contribute the achievement of the goals set out in the Roadmap in following cooperation areas: Legislative Framework, Governance and Promotion; TVET Teacher Education; Occupational Standards and Qualification & Quality Assurance System; and Certification and Modular Training Programs.

2- Objectives

The overall objectives of the MAC Meeting are to:

- Discuss the modalities of the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the OIC TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025;
- Work out the mechanism for the implementation of the Roadmap for five years;
- Plan tangible projects and activities within the framework of the Roadmap to be executed in the short run.

3- Participants

The Meeting will be attended mainly by the representatives of the National Focal Points of the OIC-VET Programme, and relevant OIC Institutions.

4- Methodology

The meeting will be held over two days and will comprise an opening session followed by working sessions with roundtable discussions by country delegations and representatives of institutions. It will include introduction presentation on the draft implementation plan of the Roadmap touching upon key targets and axes of interventions; and technical discussion on issues like the objectives, key results, coordination and partnership building.

5- Language

During the Meeting, simultaneous translation will be provided in Arabic, English and French.

6- Venue and date

The Meeting will take place in Istanbul, Turkey over two days on 19-20 December 2019.