

Training Session on “Content Management and Use of the OIC Health Portal”

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**Opening Statement of H.E. Mr. Nebil DABUR
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**H.E. Amb. Askar MUSSINOV, Assistant Secretary General for
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Dear Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen,
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Very Good Day to all of you

- I am very pleased to welcome you all to the “**Training Session on Content Management and Use of the OIC Health Portal**”, which we, at SESRIC, have the honour to organize in collaboration with the General Secretariat of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).
- I would like at the outset to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to H.E. Amb. Askar MUSSINOV, Assistant Secretary General for Science & Technology of the OIC and his team, for their close cooperation in the organisation of this important and timely training session.

- My thanks are also extended to the representatives from the Ministries of Health of OIC Member States and OIC institutions for accepting our invitation and allocating their valuable time to participate virtually in this important training session.
- In fact, we initially planned to organize this training session physically. However, due to the outbreak of COVID-19 Pandemic and the restrictions on international travel and in an attempt to respond to this extraordinary situation, we preferred not to postpone this training session to a later date. Therefore, we are pleased to conduct this training session virtually through a distance-learning platform.

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- As you may recall, the 7th Islamic Conference of Health Ministers, which was held in December last year in Abu Dhabi called upon the OIC General Secretariat in coordination with SESRIC to organize periodic training sessions for the focal points of the Member States and OIC Institutions to ensure that the OIC Health Portal is fully operational. In line with this Resolution of the Ministerial Conference, today, we are pleased to organize the first training

session on Content Management and Use of the OIC Health Portal in collaboration with the OIC General Secretariat.

- As you may also recall, the OIC Health Portal was launched during the 6th Session of the Islamic Conference of Health Ministers, which was held in December 2017 in Jeddah. The Portal is an initiative towards the implementation of the OIC Health Communication and Publicizing Strategy, which was endorsed by the 5th Session of the Islamic Conference of Health Ministers held in November 2015 in Istanbul.
- The OIC Health Portal acts as the main information-sharing platform for health related activities and programmes of the OIC Member States and OIC institutions. It aims to promote and publicize the implementation of the OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action 2014-2023, which is a framework strategy for cooperation among the OIC Member States, relevant OIC institutions and international organizations in the field of health.
- In addition, the portal aims to provide relevant and reliable statistical data and research reports and publications on health sector in our member countries. It will be also enriched with recent information regarding the programmes and projects and best practices

implemented by the member countries and the relevant OIC institutions in the domain of health.

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- The OIC Health Portal is expected to play the role of the OIC hub of information in the domain of health with a view to facilitating cooperation among member countries and relevant OIC institutions in this important domain.
- Therefore, the focal points of the OIC Health Portal are kindly invited to provide the necessary sources and contents towards enriching the Portal with the most up-to-date information relevant to their countries and institutions, including, but not limited to, programmes, projects, success stories, events and publications.
- In this regard, we intend in this training session to give an overview on the background, rationale and linkages between the OIC Health Portal and the OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action 2014-2023, as well as to provide technical knowledge on the features of the Portal.

- Your support and cooperation would be highly appreciated to keep this important Portal active and leverage it effectively as an OIC hub for facilitating the transfer and exchange of knowledge, know-how and experience among the OIC member countries OIC institutions in the health domain.
- Before concluding, I thank you all once again and I am confident that this session will be instrumental in improving the OIC Health Portal and enhancing our solidarity and commitment towards the improvement of health sector in our member countries.
- I wish you a very fruitful training session and thank you for your kind attention. والسلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته.