

Training Course on “Monitoring and Evaluation of National Development Plans and Projects”

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Opening Statement of H.E. Mr. Nebil DABUR Director General of SESRIC

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

Excellences, Dear Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen,
السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Good morning to all of you

- **I am pleased to welcome you all to the training course on “Monitoring and Evaluation of National Development Plans and Projects”, which we organize it within the framework of SESRIC Poverty Alleviation Capacity Building Programme (PA-CaB).**
- **Let me, at the outset, express my sincere thanks and appreciation to H.E. Mr. Fatih ÜNLÜ, Director General of COMCEC and International Development Cooperation of the Presidency of Strategy and Budget of the Presidency of Turkey for accepting our invitation and nominating competent experts to share the experience of his Esteemed Institution (COMCEC) on monitoring and evaluation of national development plans, annual programs and national projects.**

- **I would like also to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to H.E. Mr. Abdukadir ARABOW, Director General of Monitoring and Evaluation of the Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development (MoPIED) of the Federal Republic of Somalia for requesting SESRIC to organise this important training course for the benefit of relevant staff at his Esteemed Directorate General.**
- **My deep thanks and gratitude are also extended to the senior management of the Ministry of Industry and Technology of the Republic of Turkey, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA), Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat) and Ankara Development Agency for mobilizing competent experts to offer this training course and sharing their experience and knowledge on monitoring and evaluation of national and regional development plans and projects.**
- **In fact, we initially planned to organise this event as a study visit, physically as usual, in March this year. However, due to the Pandemic and the continuous restrictions on international travel, an in an attempt to respond to this extraordinary situation, we preferred not to postpone it to a later date. Therefore, today I am glad that we are conducting this training and sharing experience activity online through a distance-learning platform.**

Dear Participants,

- **Progress in eradicating poverty remains highly uneven across the OIC member countries. Incidence of poverty, both in monetary and multidimensional terms, remained very high especially in low and lower middle-income member countries in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia regions. Governments of these countries are still facing serious problems and challenges in their fight against poverty, including access to basic services, availability of financial resources, institutional and human capacities and political will.**
- **With a view to enhancing its role in supporting the efforts of the member countries towards poverty alleviation, SESRIC has initiated the Poverty Alleviation Capacity Building Programme (PA-CaB) in 2011. Within the framework of this programme, we organise various capacity-building activities through different modalities, such as short-term training courses (like this one), training workshops, and study visits on a wide range of poverty alleviation related technical topics for the benefit of the relevant national institutions in our member countries.**

Dear Participants,

- **Somalia has been one of our member countries that faced challenges in building institutional capacities for many years. However, the**

country has been over the last few years undergoing a historic process of change and reform recovering from decades of instability, violent conflicts and climatic factors that harmed the physical infrastructure as well as the human capacities of the government agencies and institutions.

- In this context, it is crucial for all relevant national institutions to have the needed capacities to coordinate the development priorities at the national level in order to establish robust development strategies, programs and plans in collaboration with the private sector and local authorities as well as with the regional and international development partners. They should also have the capacities to monitor, review and evaluate these strategies, plans and projects with a view to ensuring sustainable economic development in the country.**
- Here, I would like to mention that this training course is designed with the aim of enhancing the participants' knowledge and expertise related to monitoring and evaluation techniques and tools, data collection methods and processes, effective reporting and understanding the role of different governmental organs on monitoring, reviewing and evaluation of national plans, programmes and projects.**

- **I believe that this online training course will make a positive impact and add value to the work and expertise of the participants. It will facilitate knowledge exchange among the Turkish experts and their counterparts in Somalia and help increase the capacities of all participants.**
- **Before concluding, I would like to thank you all once again and wish you a fruitful exchange of experiences and a successful training throughout the upcoming days.**

Thank you, Wassalamualeykum.