



SESRIC ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OIC STI AGENDA 2026



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Sr. No.	Priority No., Title	Activity Title, Date, Venue	Corresponding to Implementation Work Plan Activity No.	Status	Outcome/ Steps
1.	Priority No. 2: Making People Employable: Education & Skills	<p>Title: Webinar on “Best Practices of TVET Centres amid the COVID-19 Pandemic”</p> <p>Date: 25 June 2020</p> <p>Venue: Ankara, Turkey, through online facilities.</p>	<p>c. Upgradation of existing TVET Institutes (infrastructure, labs, teaching methods etc.)</p> <p>d. Curricula Upgrade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Formation of Working Group - Reviewing existing Curricula - Formation of Standard Curricula - Implementation strategy of upgraded curricula across OIC 	Implemented	<p>SESRIC organised a webinar on “Best Practices of TVET Centres amid the COVID-19 Pandemic” to facilitate knowledge exchange among TVET policy-makers and stakeholders and to highlight the important roles played by TVET Centres in supporting the national emergency response policies of their home countries.</p> <p>High level representatives of the national TVET authorities from different OIC member countries namely Jordan, Malaysia, Nigeria and Turkey shared their institutions’ best practices and success stories during the pandemic.</p>
2.	Priority No. 3a: Water Security & Implementation	<p>Title: OIC Portal on Water Resources</p> <p>Date: 01 June 2020</p>	<p>A.</p> <p>b. Convene workshop focused on discussing the SESRIC-water portal, UN Water</p>	Implemented	<p>SESRIC reactivated the OIC Portal on Water Resources in order to enable OIC member countries to share success stories, initiatives, innovative techniques and new mechanisms on water related issues. The portal can be</p>

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	of OIC Water Vision		agenda (2018-2028) portal and UNESCO's IHP-WINS portal		accessed from the following link: http://oicwater.sesric.org/
3.	Priority No. 3b: Safety of Water, Food and the Environment	Title: Training Course on “New Approaches in Cotton Agronomy: Sowing Experiments” Date: 19-30 January 2020 Venue: Dhaka, Bangladesh	c) Increasing farm productivity through robust agriculture practices. III. Practice base improvement and outreach 5. Use of ICT for best practices in agriculture e.g. to prevent post-harvest losses, sowing and harvesting info. 6. Encourage use of better farming, harvesting and irrigation practices such as drip irrigation, use of GIS, land levellers.	Implemented	Within the framework of the Reverse Linkage Project between Bangladesh and Turkey, SESRIC, in collaboration with IsDB, TIKA, Nazilli Cotton Research Institute (CRI) of Turkey and Cotton Development Board (CDB) of the Ministry of Agriculture of Bangladesh, organized a training course on “New Approaches in Cotton Agronomy: Sowing Experiments” on 19-30 January 2020 in Dhaka, Bangladesh. During the training, Bangladeshi and Turkish experts made joint research to generate and explore new cotton varieties appropriate for the agro-ecological conditions of Bangladesh. Moreover, Turkish and Bangladeshi experts travelled to different cotton fields in different locations in Bangladesh in order to seed the new varieties brought from Turkey and practice joint sowing field experiments.

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4.	Priority No. 4: Ensure healthy Lives for all citizens	Title: SESRIC COVID-19 Pandemic Database for OIC Countries Date: January 2020 Venue: Ankara, Turkey	Diverse	Implemented	SESRIC COVID-19 Pandemic Database provides statistics, visualized data, and cartographic representation through a map on the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in OIC Member States with the objective of raising public awareness and offering policy makers with a tool to guide their ongoing efforts in their fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. The database hosts data concerning confirmed COVID-19 cases, deaths, and recovered patients in 56 OIC member countries. The data is updated on a daily basis and go back to 25 January 2020. This database uses the data provided by Johns Hopkins University Center for Systems Science and Engineering (JHU CSSE) and Worldometers websites. The COVID-19 Pandemic Database can be accessed through: https://www.sesric.org/sesric_covid_19.php
5.	Priority No. 4: Ensure healthy Lives for all citizens	Title: OIC Statistical Outlook on COVID-19 Pandemic in OIC Countries Date: April 2020 Venue: Ankara, Turkey	Diverse	Implemented	SESRIC published in April 2020 a major report, OIC Statistical Outlook: COVID-19 Pandemic in OIC Member Countries, with the objective of raising public awareness in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. The report sheds light on the pandemic in the OIC member countries by considering three main indicators; namely, confirmed cases, deaths, and recoveries. The report uses the data from the SESRIC COVID-19 Pandemic Database,

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					which is updated on a daily basis. The database hosts data concerning COVID-19 related cases, case fatalities, and recovered patients in the OIC Countries.
6.	Priority No.4 Ensure healthy Lives for all citizens	Title: Research Study on “Socio-Economic Impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic in OIC Member Countries” Date: 03 June 2020 Venue: Ankara, Turkey	Diverse	Implemented	SESRIC prepared a research study on the "Socio-Economic Impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic in OIC Member Countries: Prospects and Challenges". The report investigates the potential impacts of COVID-19 pandemic on OIC member countries in various socio-economic fields and highlights the policy measures taken by the OIC member countries to address the negative impacts of this unprecedented crisis. The findings of the report are also expected to help enhance intra-OIC cooperation such as through promoting experience sharing and identifying some best practices in mitigating the impacts of the pandemic. The study is available online on the website of SESRIC in three official languages of the OIC.
7.	Priority No. 10: Enhancing Intra-OIC Cooperation	Title: On-the-job Training on “Technology Incubation and Transfer” Date: 9 December 2019 – 1 February 2020 Venue: Kocaeli, Turkey	No. 9 Share OIC expertise in the development of Technology parks	Implemented	The training was implemented as the second phase of the capacity building component of the Reverse Linkage Project between Sudan and Turkey on “Capacity Development of the Africa City of Technology (ACT)”. Within the framework of the program, eight technical staff from ACT received on-the-job

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					training on business models, business growth strategies, technology development and free zones, etc. for eight weeks at the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) Marmara Technopark (MARTEK).
8.	Priority No. 11: Big Science Programs	Title: Training of Trainers (ToT) Course on “Promoting Entrepreneurship for Tourism Industry Competitiveness” Date: 08-12 June 2020 Venue: Gabala, Azerbaijan through online facilities.	No. 3 Workshops on knowledge economy and promotion of entrepreneurship activities in OIC region.	Implemented	SESERIC organised a training of trainers (ToT) course on “Promoting Entrepreneurship for Tourism Industry Competitiveness” on 08-12 June 2020 for the benefit of experts from the State Tourism Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The course provided insights into the ways and means of improving the competitiveness of the tourism industry in Azerbaijan with special emphasis on the promotion of entrepreneurial activities.