

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR OIC WATER VISION

In order to help the Member States in tackling the water-related issues, an integrated and focused plan of action to implement the OIC Water Vision is proposed. The implementation plan will comprise the following broad objectives;

- Assessment of the needs and capacities of the Member States.
- Identification of lead water institutes in Member States.
- Collaborative activities on capacity building, innovative technological ideas and developing training programs among research and training institutes of the Member States.
- Capacity building activities giving special focus on the needs of least developed OIC Member States to address water related challenges.
- Resource mobilization mechanisms for the implementation of water projects, particularly in Least Developed OIC countries.

Brief overview of the above mentioned objectives along with the implementation mechanism for each of the objectives is as follows;

a) Assessment of the Needs and Capacities of Member States

The First step in preparing any implementation strategy is to assess the needs and impacts of water-related challenges faced by Member States. The OIC STI Agenda 2026 has also called upon the Member States to first identify the availability and demand of water resources by preparing national water budgets at the 'local' levels where possible. Some Member States lack the capabilities to carry out a comprehensive exercise in this regard. SESRIC has circulated a questionnaire among the Member States to collect the necessary information, but most of the Member States have not responded.

Implementation Mechanism

- SESRIC in coordination with INWARDAM will prepare a questionnaire to gather information about the current status of water infrastructure as well as requirements of the Member States. SESRIC shall approach the Member States on a regular basis.
- National Focal Points (NFP) appointed by the Member States shall be engaged by SESRIC for seeking necessary information.
- Based on the responses, SESRIC may suggest to the Members and observer institutions of Water Council about the priority areas where activities could be carried out.

- Member States and observer institutions may incorporate these recommendations in their implementation plan or can approach these countries directly to work on the identified areas on bilateral basis.

b) Networking of Water Centres of Excellence

There are many centres of excellence with experience in water-related issues within the OIC countries. However, in many cases their reports are not shared or promoted among the Member States.

The OIC Water Council will support a dedicated network of centres of excellence in the Islamic world to share knowledge and experiences with other related institutions. It would contribute to pooling efforts and initiatives by monitoring technological developments and providing knowledge to the other institutions of OIC countries in the water sector.

Implementation Mechanism

- Since COMSTECH is mandated to lead the overseeing of implementation of the OIC STI Agenda 2026, COMSTECH in coordination with INWARDAM will identify research institutes and centres of excellence in the field of water, which could be categorised as ‘ Mother institute’.
- SESRIC has established a web portal on water resources to facilitate matching the needs of Member States with offers in terms of training, capacity building, and exchange of experience, expertise and technical assistance.
- Designated institutes will use SESRIC web portal to share their research and best practices on a common platform. Members of the OIC Water Council as well as other OIC Member States will actively interact with SESRIC by designating lead institutions and focal points of these institutions.
- SESRIC will liaise with these centres of excellences in the Member States. At the same time, observer institutes of the Water Council will provide technical assistance to SESRIC.

c) Collaborative Research Activities

There is a need to synchronize the ongoing activities on water issues carried out by various organizations within OIC in order to avoid the duplication. Collaborative research and capacity building activities could be categorized and commissioned among centres of excellence in key water-related on the request of OIC Water Council or of any Member State.

There is great diversity in water management institutions established within the OIC Member States, with some being attached to central or local government departments, whilst others include private sector, and civil society groups. It is important to strengthen the capacities of these different stakeholders (e.g. policy developers, planners, regulators, water managers, service providers, contractors, water users and NGOs working under the guidance of national governments) within the OIC Member States.

Implementation Mechanism

- OIC water Council will identify the list of research topics for distribution among the designated Centres of Excellence for collaborative research.
- Interested institutes will agree about the terms of references for carrying out the research activities among themselves.
- The final reports will be shared with SESRIC which will disseminate the research reports of these institutes among all stakeholders (Member States, OIC institutions and other donor agencies) through the use of Water portal, NFPs, OIC Water Council and by arranging dedicated workshops in collaboration with these institutions.

d) Capacity Building Activities

There are various ways of developing capacity and many different areas of skill development. In order to assess the capacity gaps of Member States, SESRIC together with Turkish Water Institute (SUEN) has prepared a questionnaire which was shared with Member States. SESRIC has also developed the Water Resources Management Capacity Building Programme (Water-CaB) with the aim of enhancing capacities of human resources in the Member States.

Implementation Mechanism

- Designated Centres of Excellence, Member States and OIC institutions will be engaged to increase the existing number of training and capacity building activities. All stakeholders will be encouraged to share their plans of activities in advance so that a consolidated list of such activities may be shared with the Member States in time.
- The Secretariat will keep a record of all the completed activities for reporting to the next meeting of ICMW as well as for the benefit of other member states.

e) Resource Mobilization

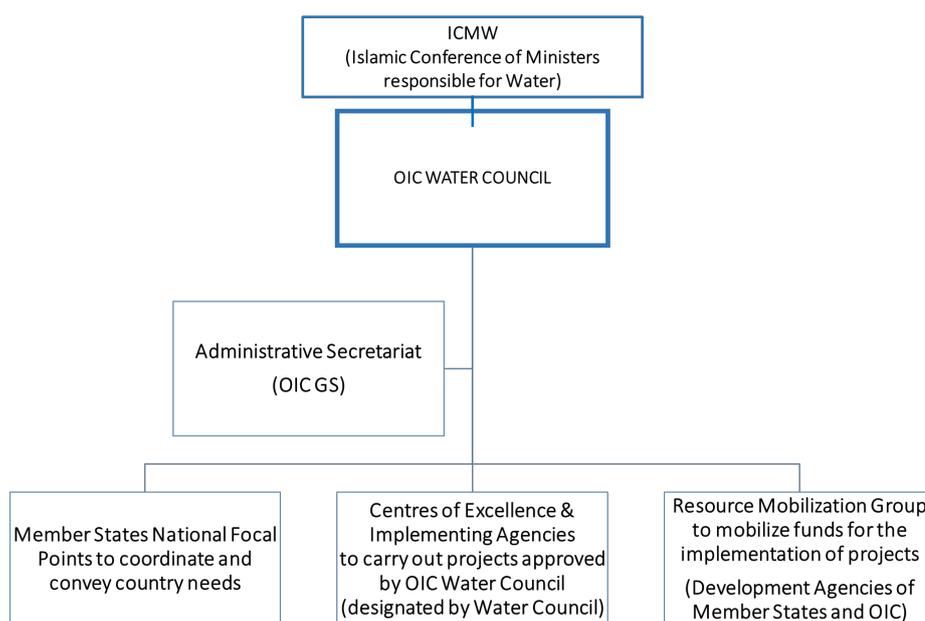
The OIC Water Council invites its Member States to hold future frequent meetings to discuss further means of cooperation.

Implementation Mechanism

- SESRIC and other observer institutions of OIC Water Council will highlight the needs of specific Member States to the RMG.
- The Resource Mobilization Group under the OIC Water Council will discuss the financing mechanisms of these projects which the Member States would like to implement particularly in suffering countries.
- The donor agencies, individually or collectively, may discuss the financial modalities with the Member States.
- Efforts will be made to include other NGOs work under the guidance of national governments, philanthropist organizations as well as international and regional organizations who are providing funds for the water related projects in the OIC Member States.

ANNEX

I. PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISM



II. PROPOSED ACTIVITIES OF OIC WATER COUNCIL

No.	Proposed Activities	Timelines
	Assess institutional and human capacity requirements in Member States	2017-2023

	Implement collaborative activities amongst water institutes of OIC Member States to increase research, capacity building and knowledge in the water sector	2017-2023
	Designate Centres of Excellence and Implementing Agencies ready to execute projects to be approved by OIC Water Council	2017-2018
	Propose members of the Resource Mobilization Group to the 4th ICMW	2017-2018
	Promote network of Centres of Excellence in collaborative arrangements with the Member States	2017-2023
	Reactivate an online portal to facilitate exchange of experiences, transfer of technologies and identification of good practices.	2017-2018
	Carry out capacity building and training workshops for government officials, civil society, private sector, academic and research institutions of Member States	2017-2023
	Hold expert meetings and training workshops on selected areas that is decided by the ICMW on the basis of Water Vision	2017-2023
	Regularize periodic meetings to discuss resource mobilization to address water related challenges and development of required water infrastructure such as sewage and water networks, wastewater treatment plants, drinking water treatment plants, desalination facilities in Member States	2017-2023