



The OIC – 2025
Programme of Action

Progress Report
2016 – 2017

ORGANISATION OF ISLAMIC COOPERATION (OIC)

Progress Report
on
Implementation of OIC-2025: Programme of Action
(2016-2017)

Background

The OIC-2025, the strategic programme of action for the next decade (2016-2025) marks the second phase of the Ten Year Programme of Action (TYPOA) which was launched by the Third Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held at Makkah Al-Mukarramah in December 2005. The TYPOA in the 2005-2015 period is regarded as the first major attempt at the OIC platform to elaborate and pursue a multidimensional response to the challenges facing the Ummah in the intellectual, cultural, political, socio-economic and developmental fields. The TYPOA has been the subject of annual reviews and evaluation by the OIC institutions, mid-term review by the Member States as well as the yearly reports of the Secretary General to the regular sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers which provided valuable input for its successor programme. Despite certain limitations, inherent to the programmes of this nature, the TYPOA provided the Ummah with a forward-looking blue print for enhancing joint Islamic action in various domains.

2. Benefitting from the experience of the TYPOA and building upon the lessons learned during that period, the development of OIC-2025 passed through a series of intense rounds of negotiations at intergovernmental experts level as well as informal consultations to ensure professional propriety of the entire process. The general guidelines, principles and procedures for this Programme were got approved through the Report of the Secretary General to the 41st session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held at Jeddah in June 2014. Active involvement of Member States in the preparation and implementation of the Programme of Action was identified as an essential requirement for its success. A detailed review of the strengths and weaknesses of the Member States and discussion on the rationale for selection of the priority areas contributed to a well-informed and realistic goal

setting for 2016-2025. The long process of consultations between the Member States and the OIC organs and institutions, spreading over two years, ensured that the Programme incorporated the collective vision and enjoyed full support of all stakeholders.

The OIC-2025

3. The OIC-2025 is anchored in the provisions of the OIC Charter and focuses on 18 priority areas with 107 goals. It also keeps in full view issues on which the work is in progress and those emerging out of political and economic developments in the world. The priority areas include, (1) Palestine and Al-Quds, (2) Counter-Terrorism, Extremism, Violent Extremism, Radicalization, Sectarianism, and Islamophobia (3) Moderation, Cultural and Inter-faith Harmony (4) Peace and Security (5) Environment, Climate Change and Sustainability (6) Poverty Alleviation (7) Trade, Investment and Finance (8) Agriculture and Food Security (9) Employment, Infrastructure and Industrialization (10) Science, Technology and Innovation (11) Education (12) Health (13) Advancement and Empowerment of Women, Family Welfare and Social Security (14) Joint Islamic Humanitarian Action (15) Human Rights, Good Governance and Accountability (16) Media and Public Diplomacy (17) ICT and Digital Information Structure and (18) OIC Institutional Reforms.

4. The OIC-2025 is a comprehensive agenda for cooperation and partnership. Joint Islamic Action remains an essential element of the OIC's framework of cooperation and development. Its strategic vision recognizes the centrality of cooperation and partnership at all levels involving all stakeholders. It stresses the importance of political ownership and mainstreaming of OIC projects by Member States in their national priorities for effective implementation of the Programme. Its adoption by the OIC leaders at the 13th session of the Islamic Summit Conference (Istanbul, 14-15 April 2016) signifies the commitment at the highest political level to working together for a shared future. The OIC-2025 also acknowledges the need to fully utilize the existing programmes and frameworks for cooperation in various domains and declares that it will be implemented in harmony with the existing multilateral agreements/strategies/ and MOUs between the Member States and

the OIC institutions including those of the OIC Standing Committees and other framework documents between the Member States.

The Priority Areas

5. The OIC of today is different from the OIC of yester years. In addition to longstanding peace and security issues, the OIC agenda includes many areas of immediate concern relating to human development, quality of life and well-being of the people. The OIC vision puts the people first and aims to develop human capital and achieve inclusive growth. The 18 priority areas clubbed under five broad clusters in the chart below bring out the underlying spirit of the development paradigm being pursued in this Programme of Action.



The Guiding Principles

6. Accordingly, the following principles remain central to the development and implementation of the OIC-2025:

- Reflective of the aspirations of the people and enhancing their well-being;

- Islamic solidarity, partnership and cooperation;
- Country ownership and leadership;
- Collective approach for identification of targets and implementation of projects;
- Good Governance;
- Effective coordination and synergy.

Implementation Plan 2016-2025

7. Following its adoption by the 13th Islamic Summit (Istanbul, 14-15 April 2016), the OIC-2025 has now entered the critical phase of implementation. This phase rests on the direction requiring the General Secretariat, in consultation with the relevant OIC organs including the standing committees and other stakeholders, to propose an Implementation Plan for each sector to the Member States.

8. Accordingly, the Implementation Plan of the OIC-2025: Programme of Action was presented to the Senior Officials Meeting (Jeddah, 30 April – 2 May 2017) for consideration. The Implementation Plan elaborated 107 goals identified under 18 priorities areas into programmes and activities while clearly determining implementing partners and the suggested timelines. It highlighted the existing mandate for these activities emanating from various official pronouncements including Summit declarations, CFM resolutions, and reports of Standing Committees, sectoral ministerial meetings and work programmes of the OIC institutions. The programmes and activities being pursued in the Implementation Plan are thus within the ambit of approved activities and duly reflected in the annual programmes of work of the relevant institutions in the OIC system.

9. The 44th session of the Council of Foreign Minister (Abidjan, 10-11 July 2017) vide its Resolution 1/44-POA on the OIC-2025: Programme of Action, inter-alia, took note of the Implementation Plan of the OIC-2025 in each priority area and called upon the Member States, the OIC organs and institutions, United Nations and its specialized agencies as well

as other stakeholders to undertake all necessary measures for its effective implementation. In this regard it requested the Secretary General to prepare a progress report on the implementation of the OIC-2025. The resolution further called upon the Secretary General to invite inputs of the Member States, relevant OIC institutions including the standing committees for further development of the Implementation Plan.

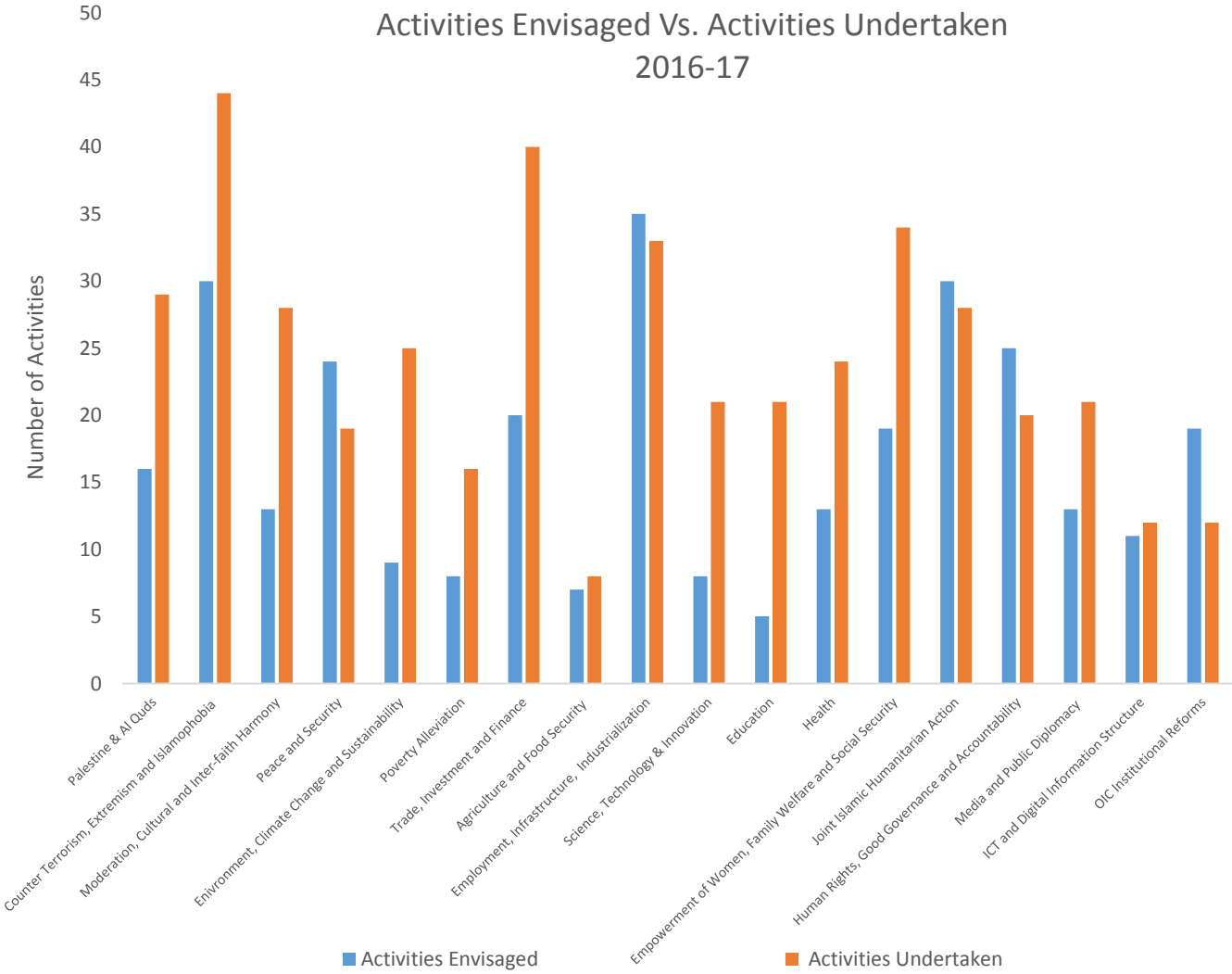
10. In line with the above, the General Secretariat invited inputs of the esteemed Member States as well as the relevant OIC institutions for further development of the Implementation Plan. It requested the relevant OIC institutions to send progress report in regard to implementation of programmes and activities envisaged in terms of OIC-2025, falling within the scope of their work, during the year 2016-17.

The Progress Report 2016-17

11. Accordingly, the Progress Report on the implementation of the OIC-2025 for 2016-17 has been prepared on the basis of the inputs received from the Member States and the relevant institutions. It contains implementation status of programmes and activities being carried out in terms of 107 goals listed under 18 priority areas of the OIC-2025. This being the first progress report since the adoption of the OIC-2025 (14-15 April 2016) and finalization of the Implementation Plan during the 44th session of the CFM (Abidjan, 10-11 July 2017), the progress has been very encouraging and confirms that actions as stipulated in the Implementation Plan are being actively pursued and are at different stages of finalization. The initial phase of developing the Implementation Plan and programmes and activities for each sector is since complete, the work in the years ahead is expected to be more consistent, focused and mutually reinforcing.

12. The report in hand presents an elaborate account of programmes and activities in the context of OIC-2025 during 2016-17 including those in the pipeline, likely to be undertaken during the last days of the current year 2017. All these activities are ‘means to an end’ and are intended to contribute towards the realization of the approved goals within

the given time frame. These programmes and activities, therefore, should not be taken as a ‘one-time activity’ and would be repeated with some adjustments in the coming years. It is heartening to note that all institutions in the OIC family are fully committed to the goals and objectives of the OIC-2025 and their activities are geared toward timely realization of the same. Their commitment to contribute to the achievement of the OIC-2025 goals is evident from the fact that in many cases the number of programmes and activities undertaken during 2016-17 have exceeded the number of activities originally envisaged in the Implementation Plan.



13. The OIC-2025 recognizes the significance of the UN- 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and shares the promise that it holds for all people. The UN-2030 Agenda aims at balancing the three dimensions of sustainable development. The scope of OIC-2025, however, goes beyond the three dimensions of sustainable development and includes many specific areas of peace and security, issues of cultural and inter-faith harmony, Islamophobia, combating extremism and terrorism and alike. The areas being pursued in the OIC-2025 and the UN-2030 are reflective of the shared perceptions of the two organisations on various key issues. The OIC being the second largest intergovernmental organisation after the United Nations with all its States being member of both bodies, the OIC-2025 can play an important role in promoting global partnership and intensive global engagement for the success of both programmes. An elaborate system of collaboration between the two organizations for this purpose is already in place and a number of specialized agencies and other regional bodies are listed among the implementing partners in the OIC-2025.

14. The General Secretariat shall soon be forwarding the three key documents, namely (i) OIC-2025: Programme of Action, (ii) Implementation Plan 2016-2025 and (iii) Progress Report 2016-2017 to all stakeholders, international organizations, regional bodies, UN specialized agencies as well as national authorities in the Member States inviting them to contribute in realizing the overall goals of the OIC-2025. These stakeholders would be invited to indicate specific activities, programmes and projects they wish to undertake, independently or jointly, for carrying forward the stated goals and objectives of the OIC-2025 in the coming years.



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List of Abbreviations

ADEA	Association for Development in Africa	ALESCO	Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization	AU	African Union
BMQA	Al Quds Committee – Bayt Mal Al Quds Agency	CDPU	Center for Dialogue, Peace and Understanding	COMCEC	Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation
COMIAC	Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs	COMSTECH	Standing Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation	CSOs	Civil Society Organizations
EU	European Union	PFC	Permanent Finance Committee	GS	General Secretariat
IAG	Islamic Advisory Group for Polio Eradication	ICCIA	Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture	ICDT	Islamic Center for the Development of Trade
ICIC	International Committee of the International Crescent	ICYF-DC	Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation	IDB	Islamic Development Bank
ITFC	Islamic Trade Finance Corporation	ICD	Islamic Corporation for Development of Private Sector	IMPACT	Islamic Microfinance for Poverty Alleviation & Capacity Transfer
IGOs	Intergovernmental Organizations	IICRA	International Islamic Centre for Reconciliation and Arbitration	IIFA	International Islamic Fiqh Academy
IINA	International Islamic News Agency	IUM	International Islamic University Malaysia	IOFS	Islamic Organization for Food Security
IPHRC	OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission	IRCICA	Research Center for Islamic History, Art and Culture	ISESCO	Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
OICC	Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities	CTITF	Counter Terrorism Implementation Task Force	GCTF	Global Counter Terrorism Task Force
ISF	Islamic Solidarity Fund	ISFD	Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development	ISSF	Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation
KAICIID	King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz	LAS	League of Arab States	IBU	Islamic Broadcasting Union

	International Center for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue				
MOFA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	MSs	Member States	NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
OCHA	United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs	OIC-CERT	OIC Computer Emergency Response Team	OISA	Organization of the Islamic Ship-owners Association
OSCE	Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe	ICIEC	Islamic Corporation for Insurance of Investment & Export Credit	PSCU	Peace Security and Conflict Resolution Unit
SESGs	Special Envoys of the Secretary General	SESRIC	Statistical, Economic and Social Research Training Centre for Islamic Countries	SMIIC	Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries
STI	Science, Technology and Innovation	STIO	Science, Technology and Innovation Organization	TIKA	Turk Cooperation Agency
TPS-OIC	OIC Trade Preferential System	TOBB	Union of Chambers , Commodities & Exchanges of Turkey	UN	United Nations
UNAOC	United Nations Alliance of Civilizations	UNCTED	United Nations Counter-terrorism Executive Directorate	UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNFPA	United Nations Fund for Population Affairs	UNICEF	United Nation's Children Fund	UNISDR	United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction
WHO	World Health Organization	WPC	Wise Persons Council	ICCI	Islamic Committee of the International Crescent
MOH	Ministry of Health	IHH	Humanitarian Relief Foundation	IUMS	International Union of Muslim Scouts
OICHF	OIC Humanitarian Funds	IUIU	International Islamic University in Uganda	WFP-ECHO	World Food Programme-European Commission for Humanitarian and Civil Protection
SDC	Swiss Development Cooperation	TRC	Turkish Red Crescent	ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
UNHRC	United Nations Human Rights Council	PME-KSA	Presidency of Meteorology and Environment	IMC	International Medical Corps

ECHO	European Commission for Humanitarian and Civil Protection	USAID	United States Agency for International Development	LAS	League of Arab States
OHCHR	Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights	UNRWA	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East	NHRIS	National Human Rights Institutions
SVP	Sustainable Villages Programme	IDPs	Internally Displaced Persons	CIBAFI	Council of Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions
ILO	International Labour Organization	IBRAF	Organization of Islamic Cooperation Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum	OMF	OIC Media Forum
UNITAR	United Nations Institute for Training and Research	WSIS	World Summit on the Information Society	WTO	World Trade Organization

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Priority Area 1: Palestine and Al-Quds Al-Sharif

Goals 2.1.1 to 2.1.3

Goal 2.1.1

- International high-level meeting entitled: " Giving hope to Palestine refugees: New horizons for sustainable funding for UNRWA", was organized in New York on 22 September 2017. Participating countries pledged about \$ 49 million in support for Palestine Refugees.
- OIC Contact Group on Palestine held its annual meeting on 20 September 2017 on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly and referred recommendations to the Coordination Meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers.
- The Permanent Representatives Committee met at the General Secretariat on 18 May 2017 to discuss grave conditions of the Palestinian prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli jails.
- International Seminar entitled "Palestine and Canada: Together this Can be Done", was organized on 31st January 2017 in partnership between the Institute for Middle East Studies - Canada, the Mission of the State of Palestine, in coordination with the Department of Palestine in the GS.
- International meetings organized by the UN in New York, Geneva and Brussels on 29 November 2016 in commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people.
- Sponsorship and adoption of Res.2334 by the UN Security Council on 23 December 2016 on the illegitimacy of the Israeli settlement policy.
- Visit of a joint OIC-IDB delegation to the Republic of Senegal on 22-24 January 2017 to convey OIC's appreciation for the latter's sponsorship of UN Security Council's resolution No. 2334 on Israeli settlements.
- Special Representative of the European Union to the Peace Process in the Middle East, was received on 9/3/2016, at the General Secretariat for an exchange of views on developments in the Palestinian cause.
- Delegation of the OIC Independent Permanent Commission on Human Rights visited Palestine, from 6 – 8 April 2016, with a view to see first-hand Israeli violations and undertake consultations with the competent authorities.

- The Preparatory Committee held a consultative meeting on Thursday, 16/6/2016. It was attended by the OIC Secretary General, the IDB President, representatives of the Chair of the Islamic Summit (Turkey), the Chair of the 5th Extraordinary Islamic Summit (Indonesia), the State of Palestine to OIC, the private sector and CSOs. The objective of the meeting was to launch the Economic Empowerment Program for the Palestinian People in implantation of the Resolution adopted in this regard by the 13th Islamic Summit Conference.

Goal 2.1.2

- The OIC Representative Office to Palestine was opened at Ramallah on 1/4/2016.
- Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), Pierre Krähenbühl, was received on 28 May 2017 whereas consultations were conducted on the mechanism of cooperation and partnership to mobilize support for the UNRWA.
- Political consultations were conducted on 15 March 2017 with Mr Robert Piper, the Deputy Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, the United Nations Special Coordinator for Humanitarian Assistance and Development Activities in the occupied Palestinian territory.
- Legal Support Project was co-sponsored with the Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in January 2017 to contribute in the preparation of the report on the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination.
- International Palestinian Resilience Conference was held in Amman, Jordan, on 24-25 November 2016, with the participation of OIC, for the mobilization of necessary resources to be effectively channeled towards consolidating the steadfastness of the Palestinian people.
- SESRIC has forged a strategic partnership with IDB, TIKa, UNDP Istanbul Centre etc. that will serve as the driver of economic empowerment and resilience of youth living in an environment of continuous fragility, violence or conflict.
- The joint initiative, Skills, Employment and Entrepreneurship Development (SEED) for Inclusive Growth Initiative aims to increase job and livelihood opportunities for the disadvantaged, including migrants and refugees, through leveraging the role of markets and the private sector in skills development. As the first step, the Parties will seek opportunities to model SEED for Inclusive Growth in Palestine for youth employment and entrepreneurship.
- IDB allocated about US\$2 billion to vital sectors in Palestine including health, education, water and sanitation, agriculture, housing, municipal capacity, and economic empowerment. 23,592 households have been empowered under the economic

empowerment of the Palestinian productive families Program (DEEP), under which 384 schools and 76 hospitals have been constructed and rehabilitated.

Goal 2.1.3

- An Extraordinary Meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the level of Foreign Ministers in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 1/8/2017 to discuss the Israeli aggressions against Al-Aqsa Mosque.
- The city of Al- Quds was selected as the capital of Muslim Youth for 2018 by Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation(ICYF- DC) and a protocol of commitments was concluded between Authorities.
- A meeting of the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) was held at the General Secretariat of the Organization on 24/7/2017, to discuss the recent Israeli escalation in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and the unprecedented violations by Israel of the Al-Aqsa Mosque and its closure and the imposition of illegal measures related to the installation of surveillance cameras and electronic gates in Haram al-Sharif plazas.
- The OIC participated in the International Forum of Endowments of Al-Quds", which took place on 8-9 May 2017 in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey to mobilize financial and knowledge resources and partnerships in support of the economic empowerment of the city of Al-Quds.
- The OIC Extraordinary Meeting of the Council of Ministers for Foreign Affairs was held in Malaysia on 19 January 2017 and adopted a declaration on developments in the occupied city of Al-Quds.
- IDB's continued interest in and support for developmental programs and plans in Palestine and Al Quds, and management of the program for the economic empowerment of the Palestinian people
- Continued actions on the part of the Agency of Bayt Mal of Al Quds Al Sharif to fulfill its duties in supporting the Holy City of Al Quds through the implementation of developmental projects in the city in all fields.
- Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) provided about \$ 1.4 Million Dollar in support for a year-round package of health, cultural and educational programs in partnership with the civil-society institutions operating in Palestine and al-Quds al-Sharif.
- IRCICA's support for history, culture and social life of Al-Quds and Palestine: research, publications, congresses & workshops. Large-scale research project based on first-hand documents highlighting social and cultural life and historical facts in support of preservation of Islamic identity and heritage of Al-Quds and Palestine, emphasizing multicultural coexistence and protection of holy places of all religions.

- IRCICA issued series of books on Al Quds in Muhimme Registers: Volume I (1545-1594) and Volume II (1601-1699) in 2016 and 2017. The books document the history of Al Quds on the basis of official decrees and records of the Ottoman State. Series of books on Sharia Court Registers of Jerusalem: Volumes 9-11 (2016) and Volumes 12-15 (2017) were also published to reflect administrative, economic and social aspects of Al Quds history.
- ISESCO organized a training session for women in traditional embroidery with silk and gold threads (Tahrira and Qasab), Al-Quds Al-Sharif, 25-27 July 2016. A training session on the rights and legislations relating to women on the slogan of “Haqkun” (Literally your right), Al-Quds, 29-31 July 2016. Support was extended to a Palestinian institution for the welfare of people with special needs, Al-Quds, 2016. ISESCO has been providing technical support to educational and cultural institutions in Al-Quds during 2017.

Priority Area 2: Counter-Terrorism, Extremism, Violent Extremism, Radicalization, Sectarianism and Islamophobia

Goals 2.2.1 to 2.2.7

Goal 2.2.1

- Political dialogues held with number of non-member states, including USA, UK, Russia and Switzerland to enhance OIC’s bilateral cooperation on combating terrorism, preventing violent extremism, countering radicalization.
- Extensive dialogues were held with UN agencies, EU and AU to build partnership and implement programs of mutual benefit.
- PSCU participated in number of international events with the view to enhance international cooperation and collaboration.
- IDB provided a financing of US\$ 50,000 for organizing a seminar in Niger to combat extremism and sectarianism.
- ISESCO held a regional workshop on ways to use African media to promote dialogue and cultural exchange and confront violence and extremism, 17-18 October 2016, Dakar, Senegal.
- ISESCO organized a sub-regional workshop on the use of media to confront religious extremism and disseminate the culture of dialogue and moderation in the Arab region and the African Sahel countries, Khartoum, 14-16 November 2016.
- ISESCO held the Ninth Conference of Heads of Islamic Cultural Centres and Associations in Southeast Asia and the Pacific, Singapore, 20-22 October, 2016.

- SESRIC published the report titled: Towards Understanding Radicalism and Violent Extremism in OIC Countries in April 2017.
- ISESCO held the following events:
 - Regional Workshop to explore the implementation Mechanisms of the OIC Media Strategy in Countering Islamophobia and Publicize Islam’s Middle Stance among African Countries, Dakar-Senegal, 16-17 October 2017.
 - Symposium on “Women of the Mediterranean against Extremism”, Paris, 26 April 2017.
 - High-Level Meeting on “Democratic Security in a time of Extremism and Violence, Cairo, Egypt 14-16 January 2017.
 - International Conference on the future of Muslims, Brussels, 7 March 2017.

Goal 2.2.2

- Work on the OIC Convention on Combating Terrorism is in progress. Additional Protocol to the OIC Convention 1999 has been proposed, with the view to update it, cater for the new trends and developments in terrorism and extremism and to address issues of cooperation and coordination among Member States.
- Two meetings at the levels of experts have been held to finalize the Additional Protocol to the Convention.
- PSCU is also collaborating with the UN CTED and CTITF to benefit from their legal expertise in harmonizing the Additional Protocol with similar international legal documents.
- IDB stands ready to consider contributing to any OIC Programme developed by OIC institutions on this subject.

Goal 2.2.3

- OIC and KAIICID share and pursue the common goals for promoting dialogue, understanding, interfaith harmony, tolerance and moderation.
- Work in progress to organize two important activities in cooperation with the relevant institutions: (a) Buddhist-Muslim dialogue in the Kingdom of Thailand; and (b) interfaith dialogue on Central African Republic in the Republic of Senegal.

- The SESRIC report, titled the Status of Youth in OIC Countries, issued in April 2017 have special sections on youth and violent extremism. They present actionable insights and recommendations on how to combat youth recruitment into violent extremism.
- IIFA is organizing workshops to formulate recommendations to develop a curriculum on the role of education in promoting peace, in cooperation with ISESCO.
- Symposium being held by IIFA to formulate recommendations to define the role of religious scholars in countering violent extremism and radicalization.
- IIFA taking active part, in the activities of the Executive Committee of the Peace-making Network of Religious and Traditional leaders.
- Coordination meetings held between IIFA and KAICIID and other stakeholders in the dialogue.

Goal 2.2.4

- Reports on Islamophobia are prepared on monthly and annual basis.
- General Secretariat evaluates the trend of Islamophobia, makes assessment on the situation of Islamophobia in every three months, and sends the assessment with letters to the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member States.
- Organized an OIC Expert Group Workshop for “Evaluation the First Decade of the OIC Islamophobia Observatory in Bolstering Muslim World’s Efforts to Address Islamophobia around the World”, in collaboration with IRCICA in Istanbul, on 4-5 April 2017.
- The principles stipulated in the UN resolution 16/18 were highlighted in the speeches of the Secretary General and other officials, as universal campaign against xenophobia and any form of discrimination.
- Contributed in the forum on the role of the media and civil society in countering Islamophobia from a legal and human rights perspective (London, 4 July 2017).
- Organized with IReMMO, (Institut de Recherche et d’Études Méditerranée Moyen-Orient) a debate on ‘Islamophobia: Old Term New Discrimination’ (Paris, 13 September 2017).
- Contributed to a symposium on “Countering Islamophobia Industry: Toward More Effective Strategies, organized by the Carter Center in the USA on September 25, 2017.
- International Symposium on “Islamophobia in Europe, Past and Present” organized on 13-14 January 2017 by IRCICA jointly with Yildiz Technical University, Istanbul.

- IRCICA published a report titled “Anti-Muslim Extremism in Europe” and prepared another one titled “Radicalism in the Middle East: Image and Roots”.
- IIFA plans to publish a book on Islamophobia to be distributed on a large scale, which includes the resolution of the Council of the Academy on the subject, as well as a call upon the United Nations to adopt a resolution criminalizing this matter.
- Meeting of Media Experts and Civil Society Representatives to explore Mechanisms to Counter Islamophobia Legally and in Media was held by ISESCO at London, 15-16 July 2017.
- ISESCO held 14th International Conference of the Global Forum for Moderation in Jordan, 11-12 March 2017.

Goal 2.2.5

- In collaboration with ISESCO, US State Department, GCTF, and the PSCU co-hosted a Workshop on the ‘Role of Religious Education in Fostering Peace and Countering Violence’, (Rabat, November 2016), to address the issues of countering radicalization and preventing extremism among the youth at the level of educational institutions.
- A comprehensive pilot project, in collaboration with a US based organization, for the training of imams and religious scholars is in progress in Morocco. The project aims to infuse values, combat extremism, and all types of social evils.
- ICYF-DC held the 1st OIC Young Leaders Summit with a panel on “Countering Violence Through Development: Civil Youth Initiatives” with the participation of young leaders, activists, universities and Ministries of Youth and Sports of the OIC Member States in 2016 in Istanbul.

Goal 2.2.6

- Interdepartmental committee set-up with a view to improving the utilization of ICT for countering the misuse of cyberspace in terrorist act and completing study for establishment of Cybersecurity Center and submission to the Member States for review and adoption.
- Study underway for launching Capacity Building Program in ICT to improve the utilization of ICT for countering the misuse of cyberspace in terrorist act and recruiting for terrorism purposes in the below areas:
 - Cyber Crimes and Security (Workshop)
 - Infrastructure and Cybersecurity Data (Workshop) Technical Drill
 - Cloud Based Services for Digital Libraries (Symposium)

- ICT and Digital Information Structure Development (Capacity Building Program) Long Term.
- SMIC is continuing research in setting OIC standards for certification and accreditation of ICT related transaction, products and Technologies.

Goal 2.2.7

- OIC Secretariat hosted and contributed in the latest OIC-CERT Annual General Meeting (AGM) in December 2016.
- Conducted workshops in collaboration with OIC-CERT in the area how to counter the misuse of cyberspace for terrorism purposes, including recruitment and financing, and for cyber espionage campaigns by illegal organizations.
- Interaction with experts from different reputable organizations and industry during the technical workshops lecturing about the best practices how to protect the cyberspace from misuse of terrorism acts.

Priority Area 3: Moderation, Inter-Cultural and Interfaith Dialogue and Harmony

Goals 2.3.1 to 2.3.4

Goal 2.3.1

- The OIC Messaging Center “Sawt Al-Hikma” at the General Secretariat is working through internet and social media to delegitimize and deconstruct the extremist narratives propagated by deviant forces.
- Consultative Meeting of Member States on Sawt Al-Hikma: Center for Dialogue, Peace and Understanding was organized at Jeddah on 17 July 2017. The meeting noted that Center was operating on a limited scale within the existing material and human resources which should be enlarged. It requested the Member States to extend all necessary support to the General Secretariat in the operation of Sawt Al-Hikma in a professional manner, building partnerships and promote cooperation with relevant bodies operating in this field at national levels and encourage its youth, academia, civil society, media, relevant governmental and non-governmental bodies to participate in its activities.
- Regular publishing of articles, daily messages, videos, Facebook messages, Twitter messages, studies and books on the website of Sawt Al-Hikma and its related social media sites to propagate message of Islam about tolerance, coexistence, peace and understanding.

- Contributed to the conference of the Ministry of Awqaf in Kuwait to discuss the best practices of Muslim countries in promoting moderation, peace and combating extremism. (January 15, 2017)
- Contributed to Al-Azhar-Vatican Conference on Christian-Muslim Dialogue. (April 26, 2017)
- Contributed to Middle East North Africa (MENA) Collection of Counter-Narratives for Counter Violence Extremism organized by Hedayah. (July 31, 2017)
- ISESCO organized a training session for 14 imams and preachers, Cote d'Ivoire, Abidjan, 24-26 October 2016.
- Programme of ISESCO Chair for Cultural Diversity and International Solidarity at the University of Granada: organizing activities for the youth as part of the “International Youth Summer University, ISESCO headquarters, Rabat, Morocco, 16-23 October 2016.
- Organized a meeting of media professionals in Europe to address stereo-types about Muslims in European satellite channels, Cologne, Germany, 16-17 September 2016.
- The 2nd Forum of the Heads of Islamic Cultural Centers and Associations outside the Islamic World was organized by ISESCO at Singapore, 13-14 October 2017.

Goal 2.3.2

- Contributed to the Group of Friends of the Ministerial Meeting of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) in New York, on 22 September 2017.
- Engaged and collaborated with the Alliance of Civilizations on concrete actions in the area of Education, Youth, and Media; and more particularly efforts in combating intolerance, stereotypes, prejudices, and discrimination.
- A Plan of Action has been jointly developed and agreed with KAICIID for, interreligious, intercultural, and inter-civilizational dialogues around the world.
- Contributed to the Colloquium on the Role of the Religions in the Belgian Society, held at the Belgian Senate on 4 October 2017.
- 1st International Conference on the Role of the Quranic Script in promoting Islamic Cultural Unity was held by ISESCO in Khartoum-Sudan, 26-27 March 2017.
- The 4th World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue was held by ISESCO in Baku, Azerbaijan, 4-6 May 2017.

Goal 2.3.3

- Joint OIC-French Colloquium on “Preservation and Conservation of Cultural Heritage in the OIC Member States” was arranged at the General Secretariat on 14-15 May 2017 to discuss the issue of safeguarding of cultural heritage those in emergency situations.
- The General Secretariat attended the 4th World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue (WFID) held in Baku, (Azerbaijan) on 5-6 May 2017, which was led by the OIC Secretary General. In his speech to the opening ceremony, the Secretary General highlighted the need to develop new approaches towards intercultural dialogue, indicating that this would lead to the establishment of stronger relationships between peoples, cultures and civilization.
- The General Secretariat in cooperation with IRCICA and ISESCO organized the first International Conference on “International Seminar on “Islamic Action to Protect Cultural Heritage”, on 1-2 November 2017, in Istanbul. The Istanbul Declaration *inter alia* called for preservation of cultural heritage to save, restore and protect the endangered heritage in Islamic countries.
- The General Secretariat and ISESCO co-organized the 10th Session of the Islamic Conference of the Culture Ministers, on 21-23 November 2017 at Khartoum. November 2017 at Khartoum. The conference addressed all important issues on the cultural agenda of the OIC.
- The General Secretariat co-sponsored cultural week at the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), on 27 November – 1 December 2017, which aims to promote solidarity and cultural diversity of the Muslim World by engaging higher education institutions and civil society in OIC Member States.
- IRCICA undertook specific projects focusing on heritage under threat in conflict zones, including Syria, Nagorno-Karabakh, Jammu and Kashmir, International symposium held in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Azerbaijan and Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, on “Karabagh: History and Heritage”, Baku, on 10-11 November 2016.
- Publication of a book showing the importance of heritage and its impact on social advancement, in cooperation between IIFA and ISESCO.
- Workshop on Protection and Documentation of Islamic Heritage, under ISESCO auspices at Togo, 17-19 May 2017.
- ISESCO held International Conference on Governance Culture in the Islamic World, at Tunis, 19-21 May 2017.

Goal 2.3.4

- Initiated studies on various topics including Jihad, the concept of the Khilafah, the concept of Byaa, Islamic State, Tajdeed Al-Deen (Renaissance of Islam), non-Muslims in Islamic Society, Takfir, Islam and Violence, the cost of violent extremism for the Muslim World, interfaith dialogues and causes of radicalization.
- Consultations are underway with Member States to activate the Joint Islamic Action Committee.
- The Muslim Future Thinkers Forum; “Rethinking the Ummah in the light of Mulla Sadra” was held by ICYF-DC under the Shiraz – OIC Youth Capital 2017 in July, 2017.

Priority Area 4: Peace and Security

Goals 2.4.1 to 2.4.5

Goal 2.4.1

- In line with strengthening the bonds of Islamic solidarity, efforts have been exerted with a view to:
 - securing effective implementation of the OIC resolutions;
 - supporting Member States in addressing the challenges and threats they are facing (like terrorism, dispute with non-OIC countries);
 - effective participation of the OIC in regional and international forums and holding bilateral/tripartite meetings with EU, UN, Arab League and non-OIC countries in order to protect and promote the collective interests of Member States;
 - supporting Muslim communities and minorities in non-OIC countries;
- Held an experts’ meeting to design training courses for ISESCO Regional Centre for Education in Peace Culture (CRECP), Yamoussoukro, Cote d’Ivoire, 19-22 September 2016.
- ISESCO organized a training session on the use of social media to promote the culture of peace, dialogue and tolerance in the African Sahel countries, Yamoussoukro, Cote d’Ivoire, 20-21 October.

Goal 2.4.2

- Regular meetings of the OIC Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir were held on the sidelines of the 44th session of the CFM in Abidjan and the Annual Coordination Meeting in New York (2017) to reiterate the OIC's support for the legitimate rights of the Kashmiri people;
- Member States were requested to inform the General Secretariat of their actions in implementation of the CFM resolutions on Kashmir.
- Financial support for the Kashmiri refugees: US\$ 50,000 was offered by ISF to support the health sector.

Goal 2.4.3

- An OIC Contact Group on the Aggression of Armenia against Azerbaijan was established by the decision of 13th OIC Summit. Its second meeting was held in September 2017 in New York on the sidelines of the Annual Coordination Meeting in order to find effective ways for the implementation of the CFM resolutions on the subject.

Goal 2.4.4

- The OIC General Secretariat has been closely following talks between the two sides.
- The General Secretariat sent follow-up notes on the issue of Cyprus to all Member States and reminded them of the recommendations and requests made by the relevant resolution of the 44th session of the CFM.
- Financial assistance of US\$ 50,000 was offered by ISF to the Ministry of Health of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

Goal 2.4.5

- The Wise Persons Council (WPC), an important feature of the OIC Peace Architecture was strengthened with the addition of Prince Turki Al Faisal from Saudi Arabia.
- First ever OIC conference on mediation, with the cooperation of Turkey, was organized in Istanbul, on 20 November 2017.
- The Istanbul Summit adopted the initiative to launch a process of Islamic Rapprochement. The process of Islamic rapprochement is a new paradigm of relations in the Muslim world through demonstration of goodwill and constructive approach for peaceful resolution of disputes, for respect of territorial integrity and sovereignty and the principle of noninterference in internal affairs of each other and friendly relations between the Member States of the OIC, and for strengthening unity of the Islamic Ummah.

- A new contact group, ‘OIC Contact group on Peace and Conflict Resolution (PCR)’ has been established. The Contact Group has a wide scope and aspires to address the myriad conflict situations in the Member States. Its bylaws and operational details are being finalized.
- PSCU participated in a number of events on mediation and conflict resolution, underscoring the comparative advantage of the OIC, sharing best practices and to enhance collaboration with international partners.

Priority Areas 5: Environment, Climate Change and Sustainability

Goals 2.5.1 to 2.5.4

Goal 2.5.1

- The First OIC Summit on Science & Technology (Astana 10-11 September 2017) adopted ‘OIC STI Agenda 2026’ which inter-alia called for preparing a detailed plan of action including mitigation options in line with the commitment made under the Paris Agreement on Climate Change to help the Member States address desertification, drought, sand and dust storms, degradation of land and water, especially the marine environment and fisheries.
- The Islamic Conference of Ministers of Environment which is the principal OIC organ to set policy guidelines in this domain, in its 7th session held at ISESCO HQ in Rabat on 25-26 October, 2017 discussed strategies to implement the relevant goals of the OIC-2025: Programme of Action and OIC STI Agenda 2026.
- IDB alongwith ITFC, ICD and ICIEC actively participated in the activities of 22nd Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held in Marrakech on 7-18 November 2016 and hosted 19 side events in the IDB Group Pavilion.
- ISESCO organized-African regional preparatory meeting to COP22 on Biosphere reserves in the context of Climate Change, Tangier, Morocco, 18-20 October 2016.
- First meeting of the Higher Committee of the K.S.A. and ISESCO Award for Environmental Management in the Islamic World, Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 26 September 2016. Second meeting held at ISESCO Headquarters, Rabat on 23 October 2017.
- Second International Forum on water harvesting social, economic and environmental impacts, was organized by ISESCO Khartoum, Sudan, 26-27 September 2016.
- The 4th Meeting of the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment at ISESCO HQ, Rabat, 10 May 2017.

- ISESCO organized Regional Capacity Building Workshop on “the Environmental and Sustainable Development for Young Communication Professional in Africa, Casablanca, Morocco, 25-26 May 2017.

Goal 2.5.2

- During the 2nd Meeting of the Annual Coordination Meeting of OIC Institutions (ACMOI) held on 4-5 December 2016, the relevant institutions agreed to intensify workshops and training courses to increase capability of MSs in mitigating the diverse effect of climate change and disaster risk reduction.
- COMSTECH is working on creating energy profiles of the Member States and harmonizing this exercise with the OIC Green Technology Blue Print.
- SESRIC organized a training course on “The Future Prospects of Agroforestry in Sustainable Rural Development” within the framework of the Environmental Capacity Building Programme (Environment-CaB) in Banjul, Gambia on 13-15 December 2016. The Training course mainly focused on history, definition and concept of agro-forestry: Classification of agro-forestry systems.
- SESRIC organized 3 statistical outreach programmes related to environment statistics during the period of 2016-2017 for relevant agencies in Bangladesh, Qatar and Morocco.
- SESRIC in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization, Republic of Turkey organized a Training Workshop on “Environment Impact Assessment” within the framework of the environment Capacity Building Programme (Environment-CaB) on 22-24 May 2017.
- The Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities (OICC) co-sponsored the 26th International Conference on “Protecting the Environment as a life Necessity” held in Alexandria (Arab Republic of Egypt) on 14-16 May 2016. The Conference was organized by the ISA (International Scientists Association) in cooperation with the OICC, the Egypt’s Standards and Metrology Authority, the International Organization of Biopolitechs and the Euro-Arab Cooperation.

Goal 2.5.3

- The 3rd meeting of Islamic Conference of Ministers Responsible for Water was held in Istanbul, Turkey on 17-19 May 2016. It established OIC Water Council to make recommendations for the implementation of the OIC Water Vision.
- The First OIC Summit on Science & Technology held in Astana on 10-11 September adopted ‘OIC STI Agenda 2026’ which inter-alia called for increasing efficiency in water use and combating desertification through the use of new technologies and farming methodologies.

- The approvals of the IDB in water resources management totaled US\$ 517 million in 2016 and have so far targeted food security, reducing climate change impacts, and protecting the environment. In 2016, the IDB approved Euro 92.3 million for the Gharesso-Zaringol Irrigation and Drainage Network Project in Iran. The Bank also approved a climate change mitigation related project, the “flood Protection Dam Project” in Oman, for US\$ 348.72 million in 2016.

Goal 2.5.4

- The first meeting of OIC Water Council was held in Istanbul on 15-16 November 2017. The meeting approved implementation plan for the activities of OIC Water Vision.
- Implementation of related projects initiated by OIC relevant institutions such as ISESCO, IDB and SESRIC is continuing.
- The Water Portal established by SESRIC is a platform for promotion of collaboration, including exchange of best practices, capacity building and knowledge sharing, among Member States in all aspects of water.
- SESRIC organized in collaboration with the DSI (Devlet Su Isleri) and Islamic Development Bank (IDB) a Technical Visit on “Water Resources Management” within the framework of the OIC Water Resources Management Capacity Building Programme (Water-CaB) in Istanbul on 8-19 August 2016.
- Related to water, OICStat database of SESRIC includes 24 indicators which are being updated regularly.
- SESRIC prepared 3 infographics related to Water conditions in the OIC Member States.
- Out of the 27 projects co-financed with development partners in 2016, seven projects in sub-Saharan African and Asia were co-financed with members of the Coordination Group, which collectively provided US\$ 283 million of co-financing. Co-financing from the Coordination Group focused entirely on the infrastructure sector [transport (55%), water (25%) and energy (20%)].

Priority Area 6: Poverty Alleviation

Goals 2.6.1 to 2.6.5

Goal 2.6.1

- IDB approved 255 operations in 2016 with the value of ID8.8 billion (\$12.2 billion).
- In 2016, the Bank provided its support to civil society organizations in Burkina Faso, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia to promote skills development, charity and voluntary work as well as home health care services.

Goal 2.6.2

- SESRIC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Statistical Centre for the Cooperation of the Arab Countries of the Gulf (GCC-STAT) on 6 November 2016 to enhance the capacity of quality data production, collation and dissemination; strengthen the efficiency and institutional frameworks of national statistical systems; improve the development of human resources working in relevant stakeholders of national statistical systems; promote best practices related to statistical systems; improve the development of human resources working in relevant stakeholders of national statistical systems; promote best practices related to statistical systems; and raise awareness towards improving official statistics.
- SRSRIC in partnership with Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) organized the OPHI Summer School on ‘Multidimensional Poverty Measurement & Analysis’ in Marrakesh, Kingdom of Morocco on 3 - 15 July 2017. The purpose of this intensive summer school was to provide a thorough technical and practical introduction to multidimensional poverty measurement.

Goal 2.6.3

- SESRIC organized 13 statistical outreach programmes related to poverty alleviation during 2016-2017 for various OIC countries. These related to:
 - Quarterly National Accounts
 - Poverty, Living Conditions, and Cross-Cutting Social Issues Statistics
 - Poverty Statistics
 - Population and Migration Statistics
 - Living Conditions and Poverty Statistics
- ISESCO convened a workshop on “integration and Harmonization of Products of Traditional and Handcraft Industries in Arab States”, Rabat, Morocco, 25-27 October 2016.

Goal 2.6.4

- During 2016-2017, several projects have been approved by IDB encompassing microfinance components totaling US\$ 64 million, whereby technical support is provided to microfinance institutions and Business Development Centers have been created.
- Support extended by ISESCO to the organization of the National Exhibition of Handcrafts, Creativity and Innovation, Guinea-Bissau, 13-16 December 2016.
- ISESCO provided financial and technical support to Women Entrepreneurs, Chad, Togo, Burkina Faso, 2017.

Goal 2.6.5

- The outreach of the MDP is envisaged to be expanded in year 2017 and beyond, to achieve the goals of the IDB in terms of financial inclusion. In this context, the MDP has been transformed into the Financial Inclusion Program (FIP). As part of the FIP intervention, IDB will continue to act as a catalyst investor for the establishment and strengthening of Islamic financial institutions, including but not limited to, Islamic Banks, Islamic microfinance institutions, Takaful companies, and Islamic investment banks.
- IDB is managing the Youth Empowerment and support program aiming to create jobs and empower youth and entrepreneurship initiatives in Member States. US\$ 250 million have been allocated to that program for Tunisia, Egypt, Libya and Yemen. In addition, other job creation projects are being implemented (ICDDP, SVP/MVP programs) in 9 member countries.

Priority Area 7: Trade, Investment and Finance

Goal 2.7

I) Intra-OIC Trade & Investment

- Second Forum of the Trade Promotion Organs (TIPOs) of the OIC Member States: SESRIC attended and made a presentation at the Forum about the state of single window modality in OIC countries. The Forum took place in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on 23 May 2016.
- OIC Economic Outlook 2016 and 2017: This report analyses the trends in major economic indicators for the OIC Member States. It investigates these trends and highlights constraints and challenges confronting the OIC Member States in their efforts towards enhancing their economic development and progress. The report also includes a special part on how to utilize inherent potentials of OIC Member States for better economic performance.

- Training Programme on ‘Reforming International Investment Agreements: An Action Plan’ took place in Casablanca, Morocco on 23-26 January 2017. The objective of the training programme was to deepen the understanding of the participants on challenges in International Investment Agreements (IIA), to identify and examine issues, problems and interests and to ensure that the concerns of investors are adequately addressed.
- SESRIC organized 6 statistical outreach programmes related to trade statistics during 2016-2017, namely:
 - i) Balance of Payments and International Trade
 - ii) International Trade Statistics
- The IDB provides Microfinance either as a line of Credit or a full fledge program to more than 10 member countries that enable beneficiaries ability to carry out small and medium enterprises in agriculture and information technology etc.
- The implementation of IMPACT program is going as planned.
- In 2016 ITFC approvals reached \$4.5 billion.
- In 2016 the IDB organized various activities for the promotion of trade and TPS-OIC as well as WTO, including:
 - Workshop on Promotion of Trade and Transport Corridors to Enhance Regional Integration among IDB’s African Member Countries, 20-22 February 2017, Dakar.
 - Seminar on “the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and the Prospects of Activating the OIC Single Window”, 16-18 April 2017, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
 - Regional Seminar on Implications of the Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) on Regional Integration of IDB African MCs 11-13 October 2017, Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire.
 - Seminar on preparation of the 11th WTO Ministerial: An Arab perspective, Dubai, UAE, 30th Oct. – 1st Nov. 2017.
- ICIEC was able to underwrite a total Business of US\$6.5 Billion where around US\$3 Billion between Nov. 2016 and Oct. 2017 is being generated in terms of Short Terms and Medium Term from and in the OIC region.
- ICDT organized meeting of the Trade & Investment Sub-Committees of the ACMOI in Marrakesh and Casablanca, Morocco in 2016 and 2017 with the view to designing and implementing integrated projects that include specific activities and deliverables, such as strategic commodities, cotton, halal industry, trade facilitation single window, investment promotion, SMEs Development in order to increase the intra-OIC Trade share and volume.

- ICDT participated in the 2nd Technical Committee Meeting organized in Jeddah by ITFC on 9th February 2017 in order to finalize the TISC Concept note and nominated the TISC theme's Leader.
- ICDT organized the 3rd Forum of OIC TPOs Meeting in collaboration with ITFC and Morocco Exports on 11-12 October 2017 with the view to enhancing cooperation between OIC TPOs and increasing the intra-OIC Trade Volume and energizing Arab African TPOs collaboration.
- ICDT and the Standards and Metrology Institute for the Islamic Countries (SMIIC) organized in collaboration with “Discover Events”, 5th OIC Halal Exhibition” from 23rd to 25th November 2017 at Istanbul Lutfi Kirdar International Congress and Convention Centre, Republic of Turkey. An MoU was signed and five (5) coordination meetings were held between the organizers and a promotional campaign was launched.
- SMIIC co-organized the Istanbul 2017 World Halal Summit (WHS) in collaboration with ICDT in November 2017 in Istanbul.
- Within the framework of the celebration of the city of Al-Medina Al-Munawwara as the Capital of Islamic Tourism in 2017, Medina International Company for Exhibitions and Conferences (MICE) organized the “International Exhibition of Light Industries and Handicrafts”, from 26th November to 2nd December 2017 in Al Medina Al Munawwara, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- Organized a workshop on OIC NTBs in collaboration with COMCEC Coordination Office on 24-25 October 2017 in Rabat, Morocco in order to contribute to the removal of NTBs between Member States, presenting the ICDT's study on this topic and sharing experiences between participating countries.
- Organized a Regional seminar on “the WTO trade facilitation agreement and the prospects of activating the OIC single window” for the benefit of the Member States of the African Countries in collaboration with DRMC/ICDT in Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco, (30 May – 1 June 2016) with a view to sensitizing the public and private sectors of OIC Member States of the importance of the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA).
- Workshop on the operationalization of Single windows and the implementation of Trade Facilitation Agreement in the Arab countries in Dubai, UAE, on 16-17 April 2017. This workshop was devoted to present the ICDT's guidelines for the implementation of national single window, to study the Feasibility of the OIC Single Window and to inform about the recent developments of the Trade Preferential System of the OIC Countries and their role in facilitating Intra-OIC Trade.
- SMIIC has organized 3 Technical Committee (TC) Week to allow meetings for standards development work. The 15 TC's have specified their scope and completed their business plan and are working on the development of new standards and/ or revisions.

ii) **Islamic Finance Development**

- Stakeholders Meeting on Developing Islamic Financial Industry Database of OIC Member States in Washington DC. The meeting was organized by SESRIC in collaboration with the World Bank Global Islamic Finance Development Center on 9 October 2016 in the margins of the IMF-World Bank Annual Meetings.
- SESRIC in collaboration with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) organized the Workshop on Development Finance Statistics on 12-13 July 2017 in Ankara to introduce the key concepts and methodologies on development finance statistics, identify existing obstacles and challenges of integrating development finance statistics into national statistical systems (NSSs).
- Consultative Meeting on Developing Islamic Finance Industry Database for OIC Member States in Mugla, Turkey. The main objective of the Consultative Meeting were to brief the National Statistical Offices and Financial Regulatory and Supervisory Authorities of OIC Member States about the SESRIC Project on Developing Islamic Finance Industry Database and ultimately gather feedback from the representatives of the stakeholders.
- CIBAFI has organized the following international events to raise awareness on Islamic Finance, in the period from 2016-2017:
 - 3-4 May 2016, CIBAFI Global Forum: “Rethinking Values for Sustainable Growth”, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain.
 - 28-29 September 2016, CIBAFI - Union of Arab Banks (UAB) Forum “The Developing Markets of Islamic Finance”, Tunisia.
 - 22-23 March 2017, CIBAFI – IRTI Meeting of Directors of Operations and Investments in Islamic Financial Institutions: “Bringing Islamic Investment of IFIs to the Next Frontier”, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain.
 - 22-23 March 2017, CIBAFI Roundtable Meeting: Impact of the Legal Framework on Islamic Financial Services Industry (IFSI) Development, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain.
 - 17-18 September 2017, CIBAFI Seminar on Credit Ratings: Focus on Islamic Banks and Sukuk Ratings Methodology in cooperation with S&P Global Ratings, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain.
- CIBAFI has undertaken the following activities to develop and promote Islamic financial products in the period from 2016-2017:

- 6 May 2016, CIBAFI submitted its comments to the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) on the Standardized Measurement Approach for Operational Risk, representing key points that are of concern to Islamic banks.
- 14 August 2017, CIBAFI submitted comments and recommendations to the Accounting & Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI) on its Exposure Draft (ED) of an Auditing Standard for Islamic Financial Institutions No. 6: External Sharia Audit (Independent Assurance Engagement on an Islamic Financial Institution's Compliance with Sharia Principles and Rules).
- 28 September 2017, CIBAFI submitted comments and recommendations to the Basel Committee Banking Supervision (BCBS) on the Consultative Document on Simplified alternative to the standardized approach to market risk capital requirements".
- CIBAFI has organized the following initiatives in the period from 2016-2017, in the OIC Member States, that served as platform for experience sharing and capacity building:
 - 30 August – 1 September 2016, CIBAFI Technical Workshops on Products Development for Islamic Financial Institutions (IFIs), Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain.
 - 18 – 20 October, CIBAFI Technical Workshops on Products Development for Islamic Financial Institutions (IFIs), Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.
 - 6 – 8 December 2016, CIBAFI Technical Workshops on Products Development for Islamic Financial Institutions (IFIs), Khartoum, Sudan.
 - 24-26 January 2017, CIBAFI Technical Workshop on Products Development & Financial Engineering for IFI's, Nouakchott, Mauritania.
- SMIIIC has organized panel discussions during the WHS for Islamic Finance, aiding in the promotion of the adoption of Islamic Finance.

Priority Area 8: Agriculture and Food Security

Goal 2.8

- IOFS was launched in April 2016 at Astana, Kazakhstan. Follow up action plans in the process, including regional sensitization workshop of the Member States, starting with the GCC members.
- IDB has recently launched STI Fund. The proposed Agricultural and Scientific Research Fund could benefit from it.

- OIC Cotton Action – Implementation going on well through SESRIC. IDB will contribute through its Technical Cooperation Program and carry out some of the remaining training activities.
- ISESCO Sub-Regional Workshop on Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) for West Africa, Marrakech, Morocco, 28-30 June 2016.
- 2nd International Conference on “Agriculture, Food Security and Biotechnology”, Khartoum, Sudan, 17-18 October 2016.
- SESRIC, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), organized Workshop on Monitoring Food Security in the Context of 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda on 22-23 February 2017 in Ankara, Republic of Turkey. The Workshop was attended by 40 delegates from the National Statistical Offices (NSOs) and line ministries of 19 OIC Member States and 7 international organisations. The objective of the Workshop was to develop capacities of officials of the selected National Statistics Offices (NSOs) to advocate with national government leaders for the inclusion of the Food Insecurity Experience Scale (FIES) and food consumption modules in national surveys.
- SESRIC organized 7 statistical outreach programmes related to agriculture statistics during 2016-2017 for various OIC countries; namely: Egypt, Sudan, Kyrgyz Republic, Cote d’Ivoire, Benin, Chad, and Palestine.
- ISESCO organized Regional Workshop on Innovation Prospects in Agricultural Systems in Moroni, Union of the Comoros, 22-25 May 2017.

Priority Area 9: Employment, Infrastructure and Industrialization

Goal 2.9

i) Industry

- OICStat database of SESRIC include 6 indicators on Industry and Manufacturing and 21 indicators on Infrastructure which are being updated regularly.
- SESRIC prepared four (4) infographics related to Employment, Infrastructure and Industrialization in the OIC Member States.
- In the area of employment, infrastructure and industrialization, four (4) statistical outreach programmes on ‘Mining, Manufacturing and Construction Statistics’ are being organized for the benefit of NSOs of Gambia, Malaysia, Qatar and Sudan.
- IDB approvals include: Micro Finance Project in Togo (\$10m).

- Food Security and Nutrition in Niger (\$10m).
 - Soil Fertility Mapping in Sub Saharan Africa (\$10m).
 - Solar Energy in Afghanistan (\$10m).
 - Rural Electrification in Niger (\$10m).
 - Emergency Program for community Development in Senegal (\$10m).
 - Education for Out of School Children (\$50m).
 - Youth Economic Empowerment in Arab Countries (\$20m).
- The IDB organized various activities in the area of transport and infrastructure: 2nd IDB Annual Consultative Forum with Regional Cooperation Organizations (RCOs) in the OIC Sub-regions (Jeddah, 14-15 May 2017).

ii) Transport

- SESRIC prepared three (3) infographics related to Transport in the OIC Member States.
- In the area of transport, three (3) statistical outreach programmes on ‘Transport Statistics’ being organized for the benefit of NSOs of Azerbaijan, Djibouti and Uzbekistan.

iii) Energy

- SESRIC prepared three (3) infographics related to Energy in the OIC Member States.

iv) Tourism

- Related to tourism, OICStat database of SESRIC includes seven (7) indicators on Tourism which are being updated regularly.
- SESRIC prepared four (4) infographics related to Tourism in the OIC Member States.
- SESRIC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) to combine their efforts and work together in strengthening tourism related activities in the areas of statistics, training, research and technical cooperation.
- SESRIC organized five statistical outreach programmes related to tourism statistics during 2016-2017, for various OIC countries including Indonesia, Gambia, Azerbaijan, Malaysia, and Surinam.

- ICDT and the Ministry of Tourism of the Arab Republic of Egypt organized in collaboration with the OIC General Secretariat, the Forum for “Public and Private Investors in the area OF Tourism of the OIC Member States”, on 18th October 2017. The objective of this Forum was to enable stakeholders of investment in Tourism Sector to share best practices and exchange on successful experiences of partnership between the public and private sectors for the promotion of tourism investments.
- Preparation of a Study on Islamic Tourism Branding in Global market: This study has been elaborated by ICDT upon the request of its Board of Directors and the OIC General Secretariat. It deals with Halal Tourism branding in the global market. This study, which was circulated to Member countries by the OIC General Secretariat, was presented by ICDT during the 10th session of the Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers scheduled in November 2017 in Dhaka, People’s Republic of Bangladesh.
- ICDT and SESRIC follow up the implementation of the Regional Project on “Sustainable Tourism Development in a Network of Cross-Border Parks and Protected Areas in West Africa”. This project includes the following Ten OIC Member States also Members of the World Tourism Organization UNWTO): Benin, Burkina Faso, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Sierra Leone.
- Following the selection of the Madinah Al Munawwara among the OIC Cities of Tourism for 2017 during the 9th session of the Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers held in Niamey (Republic of Niger) from 21 to 23 December 2015, ICDT established a programme of commemoration activities and contributed to the Organisation of related activities below:
 - ICDT projected the official documentary film announcing the selection of Madinah Al Munawwara as the OIC City of Tourism 2017 during the meeting of the OIC Economic counsellors Embassies in Rabat on January 19th 2017;
 - ICDT organized under the supervision of the OIC General Secretariat an Award Ceremony for the benefit of Madinah Al Munawwara Authorities during the opening of the 3rd Tourism Fair of the OIC Member Countries to be organized from 18th to 21st October 2017 in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt. To promote Medina Al Munawwara as a tourist destination during the Fair, the Centre will grant to the City Authorities a 18 sq.m booth;
 - ICDT, ISESCO and SESRIC organized a “workshop on palm dates and oases economy” on the sidelines of ICDT’s Exhibition on Light Industries and Handicrafts in the City of Madinah AL Munawwara from 26th November to 2 December 2017. The Centre is currently elaborating a study on the “Major challenges facing North African Oases in the context of Globalization” to be presented during the above-mentioned Workshop.

v) **Labour, Employment and Social Protection**

- The ‘Regional Meeting of Labour Statisticians in Preparation for the 20th International Conference on Labour Statistician (ICLS)’ was organized by the International Labour Organization (ILO) in collaboration with SESRIC and GCC-STAT on 9-11 October 2017 in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman.
- SESRIC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the International Labour Organization (ILO) to initiate and facilitate collaboration and cooperation between two institutions in matters of common interest and to establish the necessary arrangements for implementation by providing an operational framework.

vi) **Entrepreneurship and SMEs Development**

- SESRIC organized the first-ever statistical outreach programme on ‘Entrepreneurship Statistics’ on 18-20 September 2017 for the benefit of Committee on Statistics of the Ministry of national Economics of Kazakhstan, provided by Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat).
- ICDT organized a Workshop on the Mechanisms for settlement of Trade and Investment Disputes among the OIC Member States in collaboration with the International Islamic Center for Reconciliation and Arbitration (IICRA) held on 20-21 February 2017, Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco.
It was recommended to:
 - Establish an OIC Arbitration Center in order to enhance the volume of intra-OIC trade in collaboration with national Regional Arbitration Centers and regional and international institutions (WTO, UNCTAD, UNCTRAL, IICRA, OHADA, ICDT...).
 - Finalize the feasibility study of the TOBB and the ICCIA and elaborate road map for the implementation of this center for the benefit of the OIC countries.
- 3rd Kazan OIC Youth Entrepreneurship Forum held in May 2017.

Priority Area 10: Science, Technology and Innovation (ST&I)

Goal 2.10

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- The First OIC Summit on Science & Technology held in Astana on 10-11 September 2017 adopted ‘OIC STI Agenda 2026’. The OIC STI Agenda set priorities and specific targets for the development of Science, Technology and Innovation in the Member States.

- The document also emphasizes to increase use of STI in improving quality of vocational training, higher education, health, water related areas, environment and basic sciences in the Member States.
- A number of big Science projects are proposed for the Member States to be implemented either by themselves or as a group of 2-3 Member States.
- COMSTECH alongwith other OIC institutions will facilitate the Member States in developing programmes and activities in relation to the targets of the OIC STI Agenda 2026.
- The OIC ‘STI Achievement Award’ was given to five leading Muslim Scientists at the First OIC Summit Conference on Science and Technology held in Astana on 10-11 September 2017 to honour their valuable contributions in their respective discipline.
- SESRIC report, ‘Education and Scientific Development in OIC Countries 2016’, analyses and examines the trends in the major indicators in the field of educational and scientific developments in the OIC Member States. It investigates these trends in a comparative manner with their counterparts in the group of developed countries, non-OIC developing countries as well as the world average.
- Related to Science, Technology and Innovation (ST&I), OICStat database of SESRIC includes 10 indicators which are being updated regularly.
- SESRIC prepared 3 infographics related to Technology and Innovation in the OIC Member States.
- WREN-ISESCO International Seminar on Renewable Energy, Brighton, United Kingdom, 24-31 July 2016.
- 8th Consultative Council for Implementation of Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy in Islamic Countries, ISESCO headquarters in Rabat, Morocco, 11-12 October 2016.
- Training Workshop on Technopreneurship for Women in Science, Technology and Innovation”, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 5-9 September 2016.
- In 2016, IDB approved twelve operations under science and technology programme for US\$560,000.
- IDB has been contributing to the whole value chain of STI in its Member Countries. This includes (a) investing in STI (b) developing human capital, (c) strengthening scientific and

technological cooperation, (d) promoting scientific culture, and (c) recognizing the scientific achievements of outstanding institutions and individuals.

- 241 students from 32 Muslim communities in non-Member countries and seven Member countries benefited from the IDB Scholarship Program for Muslim Communities in non-Member Countries, bringing the total beneficiaries from inception of the program in 1404H (1983) to 13,455 students.
- 50 students were granted the M.Sc. Scholarship Program in Science and Technology for Least Developed Member Countries, by IDB bringing the cumulative number of beneficiaries since the inception of the program in 1419H (1998) to 660 students.
- 50 candidates were granted scholarships under the IDB Merit Scholarship Program for High Technology for Member Countries, bringing the cumulative number of beneficiaries to 1,151 since the inception of the program in 1413H (1992).
- ISESCO held meeting of Chairs for Women in Science and Technology at Rabat, 7-9 March 2017.
- The Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities (OICC) announced the names of the laureates of its prizes for its fourteenth session and delivered the prizes to them at the inaugural ceremony of the 14th session of its General Assembly which was held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco on 29 Nov. 1 – 1 Dec. 2016. This prize is awarded every three years in 12 specific fields linked to book writing, scientific research and municipal projects.
- ISESCO Regional Workshop on Performance Indicators for Arab Technology Parks, Innovation Cities and Clusters, Cairo, 18-20 April 2017.
- Meeting of the Global Research Council (GRC) in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), by ISESCO Rabat, 13-14 January 2017.
- ISESCO Workshop on Research Technology Organization (RTO) Management, Jakarta, Indonesia, 15-19 May 2017.

Priority Area 11: Education

Goal 2.11

Goal 2.11

- The 8th Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research was held in Bamako, Mali on 14-15 November 2016. The Conference acknowledged the goals set out in the OIC-2025 and pledged to implement them.
- The Conference further adopted several projects and programmes including the new ISESCO initiative for Higher Education.
- The General Secretariat continues to closely monitor the performance of OIC universities and to extend all the necessary support and guidance to ensure delivery of quality education.
- Plans are underway to give impetus to the OIC Educational Exchange Programme by identifying selected institutions of higher learning within and outside the OIC and approaching them to support the Programme.
- SESRIC in collaboration with the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) organized the Workshop ‘The Impact of Post-2015 Development Agenda on Education Statistics’ in Ankara, Republic of Turkey on 29-30 November 2016.
- The Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) contributes annually US\$ 2,000,000 to both the Islamic Universities in Niger and in Uganda (US\$ 1 million each). ISF supports other universities as well. Its total contribution this sector amounted to US\$ 4,780,000 for 2016-2017.
- Twenty-two (22) IDB projects were approved for \$311 million, bringing the cumulative investment in member countries in the sector to \$3.8 billion.
- IDB and SESRIC are collaborating in supporting the Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU) to develop its capacity with the aim to provide vocational training programs.
- Workshop on the use of educational and technological innovations in improving methods and means of teaching Arabic to non-native Arabic speakers, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 27-30 October 2016.
- Establishment and operation of ISESCO Regional Educational Centre for Developing Original Education, Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania 2016.

- Awarding ISESCO 2016 Prize for Literacy and Non-formal Education in French-speaking Member States to Soumeiya Centre for Women and Girls Literacy, based in Bamako, Mali 2016.
- First ISESCO Conference of Education Ministers, 27-28 October 2016, Tunis, Tunisia.
- The 2017 Edition of ISESCO Prize for Literacy and Non-formal Education awarded to Qabas Min Nour Charity Association, Rabat, 3 October 2017.
- ISESCO organized:
 - International Conference on Education and Training in Africa, Dakar-Senegal, 10 March 2017.
 - The Higher Education Conference 2017, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 20-21 September 2017.
 - The 12th Young Muslim Leadership Programme in Oxford, 3-14 July 2017.
 - The inauguration of ISESCO Chair at Tashkent Islamic University, 26 August 2017.
 - The 1st Working Session of International Conference on Central Asian renaissance in Uzbekistan, Tashkent, 28 August 2017.
 - The High-Level Regional Meeting on “Refugee Education in Arab States: Challenges and Future Prospects”, Tunis, 18-19 May 2017.
 - Launch of TAFAHUM Programme for Students Exchange between some Universities of ISESCO Member States from 18 September 2017 to December 2017.

Priority Areas 12: Health

Goals 2.12.1 to 2.12.3

Goal 2.12.1

- Work in progress. Ministries of Health of MSs are carrying out necessary steps in cooperation with various stakeholders.
- A number of specific capacity building programmes, training and awareness building campaigns were organized in the Member States by the relevant OIC institutions.
- All activities under this goal form an important component of the OIC STI Agenda 2026.
- Training Workshop on ‘Health Journalism: The purpose of the training was to involve journalists from the OIC Member States on 8-18 August 2017 in promoting health care and helping them to gain a wider understanding of the current situation of the health issues in OIC context and to equip them with health-specific skills in order to write and deliver influential stories in this area.
- The OIC Health Report 2017 evaluates the performance of OIC Member States by analyzing the trends in major health indicators at the OIC group level as well as at the

individual country level. This report was presented to the 6th Session of the OIC Islamic Conference of Health Ministers held in Saudi Arabia on 5-7 December, 2017. The Conference, inter alia, considered all issues on the OIC health agenda.

- SESRIC organized 6 statistical outreach programmes related to health during the period of January 2016-December 2017 for the relevant organizations in Tunisia, Sudan, Maldives, Algeria, Indonesia, Gambia and Guinea.
- During 2016 and 2017, the total contribution of the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) to Health sector amounted to US\$ 210,000.

Goal 2.12.2

- In the area of polio eradication, the Islamic Advisory Group for Polio Eradication (Comprising OIC, IDB, IIFA, Al-Azhar Sharif) continues to contribute to global efforts for polio eradication. Its Work Plan for 2016/2017 include an enhanced mandate to cover Maternal and Child Health related issues.
- In the area of vaccine production, the OIC Vaccine Manufacturers Group held its 3rd Meeting in November 2016 and agreed on a set of priority activities for the next year.
- OIC, IDB and IAEA signed a Practical Arrangements Agreement in May 2016 aimed at streamlining the cooperation of the three institutions in helping the OIC Member States to tackle cancer.
- The OIC General Secretariat held a Special session of First Ladies' Leadership in Cancer Control in OIC Member States at the margins of 13th OIC Summit held in Istanbul on 14 April 2016.
- A review Meeting of 18 Member States was held in Khartoum from 20-22 March 2017 to review implementation of priority interventions in the National Cancer Control Programme in these countries.
- Islamic Advisory Group is working with local Ulemas and State Stakeholders in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Somalia to dispel misconceptions about polio vaccination. Meeting of religious scholars were held in this regards.
- ISESCO held a training session on reproductive health, HIV/AIDs and sexually transmitted diseases, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 23-26 May 2016 and International Congress on history of medicine in Islamic heritage Fez, Morocco, 24-28 October 2016.

Goal 2.12.3

- Several activities have been carried out in the health sector and considerable progress has been made in the implementation of the OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action.
- The 6th session of the Islamic Conference of Health Ministers (ICHM) held in Jeddah on 5-7 Dec 2017, inter alia, addressed concrete plans in regard to building enhanced health infrastructure and availability of resources for the purpose.
 - Capacity Development of the School of Medicine and Allied Health Sciences at the University of the Gambia. The project aims to build a strong interdisciplinary research culture, generating knowledge in allied health sciences and translating knowledge to address and sustain in need of having enough and qualified national doctors and lecturers in the Gambia.
- SESRIC organized 2 statistical outreach programmes related to tobacco during the period of 2016-2017, namely:
 - ‘Global Adult Tobacco Survey and Turkish Health Survey’.
 - ‘Tobacco Questions for Surveys (YQS): sampling Method’.
- In 2016, the IDB approved 22 health related projects and three TA grants for a total amount of \$268 million.
- In 2016, the Bank provided support for the National Blood Transfusion Program in Cameroon to the tune of \$28.6 million.
- The Bank also financed the “Post-Ebola Health Sector Support” project in Guinea for \$51.2 million.
- In Suriname, the IDB approved \$10 million (ID7.2 million) to top up the initially approved \$60 million.
- In the area of Diseases Prevention and Control, the IDB provided support totaling \$44.9 million for three projects in Mauritania, Egypt and Senegal, and three TA grants for Jordan, the West African Health Organization (WAHO) and Sudan.
- The Malaria Pre-Elimination project in Senegal received IDB’s financing for \$32 million.
- The 1st International Congress on Viruses and Vaccines in Tropical Areas was held by ISESCO in Sere Kunda, Gambia, 11-12 October 2017.

**Priority Area 13: Advancement and Empowerment of Women,
Family Welfare and Social Security**

Goal 2.13.1 to 2.13.7

Goal 2.13.1

- Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States was held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 1-3 November 2016. Concate proposals for empowerment of women were adopted.
- The OIC Plan on the Advancement of Women (OPAAW), its implementation mechanisms and follow-up indicators were reviewed and adopted during the sixth session of the Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 1-3 November 2016.
- The Advisory Women Council of the Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of the OIC Member States was established during the sixth session of the same Conference.
- The first meeting of the Advisory Women Council was held on 18 May 2017 which adopted major steps to be pursued on the subject.
- The Training Workshop on Gender and Elections was jointly organized on 10-12 Oct. 2017 by the OIC General Secretariat and the UN Electoral Assistance Division and hosted by SESRIC.
- SESRIC organized 4 statistical outreach programmes related to gender during the period 2016-2017, for relevant bodies in Togo, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Indonesia, and Benin.
- Setting up a committee composed of the IIFA and the OIC General Secretariat to lay the foundation for legislation on the provisions of Islamic Sharia on matters relating to the marriage of young girls, forced in general, HIV and human trafficking.

Goal 2.13.2

- The 3rd Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers (ICYSM) was held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 5-7 October 2016.
- The General Secretariat held a meeting of the OIC institutions active in the field of Youth on 7 February 2017. The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) was included among the OIC institutions active in area of Youth.

- The General Secretariat is cooperating with the International Union of Muslim Scouts (IUMS) in the preparation of the OIC Youth Forum for Dialogue and Moderation to be held in Niamey, Republic of Niger.
- The General Secretariat participated in the 4th edition of the Islamic Solidarity Games held from 12-22 May 2017 in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan.
- The General Secretariat organized a special brainstorming session on youth, peace, and development in a world of solidarity on 11 July 2017 during the 44th session of the CFM (Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire).
- OIC Youth Capital Programme with variety of youth capacity building activities were held by ICYF-DC in the following cities.
 - Istanbul (Turkey) – OIC Youth Capital Selected for 2015/2016.
 - Fez (Morocco) – OIC Youth Capital Selected for 2017.
 - Putrajaya (Malaysia) – OIC Youth Capital Selected for 2017.
 - Shiraz (Islamic Republic of Iran) – OIC Youth Capital Selected for 2017.
- In 2017, IDB held its First Youth Summit in which leading Youth delegate from Member Countries took part in debating and discussing perspectives on the Youth Development Agenda.

Goal 2.13.3

- The OIC Strategy on the Development of Sports in Member States was adopted in the 3rd Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers (ICYSM) held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 5-7 October 2016.
- The General Secretariat, SESRIC and ICYF-DC cooperated in redrafting the OIC Youth Strategy taking into account the observations from OIC Member States.
- The General Secretariat will hold a coordination meeting with the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation with a view to set up the implementation mechanism for the OIC Sports Strategy.
- The 3rd session of the ICYSM held on 5-7 October 2016 in cooperation with ICYF-DC, ISSF, OIC and Ministry of Youth and Sport of Turkey in Istanbul.

Goal 2.13.4

- The General Secretariat held the first session of the OIC Ministerial Conference on Empowerment of Marriage and Family Institution and Preservation of its Values in the Member States in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 8-9 February 2017.

- The General Secretariat participated in several international conferences pertaining to family issues and women empowerment, children elderly and people with special needs.
- A joint paper is being prepared on achieving Sustainable Development Goals from a Family Perspective by the General Secretariat and the OIC relevant organs such as the IPHRC, ISESCO, IDB, SESRIC, IIFA and IRCICA.
- The preparatory Workshop on developing the OIC Strategy for the Empowerment of Marriage and Family Institution and Maintaining its Values in the Islamic World at ISESCO Headquarters, Rabat is expected soon.
- The date for the holding of the Intergovernmental Experts Group Meeting (IGEM) on developing the OIC Strategy for Empowerment of Marriage and Family Institution and Maintaining its Values in the Islamic World, at the OIC Headquarters in Jeddah will be finalized soon.
- Printing a book on the “role of civil society organizations in addressing the phenomenon of street children”, ISESCO HQ, Rabat, 2016.
- In 2016, two outstanding women from Palestine and Cameroon and two women organisations from Egypt and Ethiopia were awarded the 11th Edition of the Islamic Development Bank Prize for Women’s Contribution to Development.
- In 2017, two winners from Algeria (a women) and Palestine (a center) have won the 12th edition of the IDB Prize for Women Contribution to Development in the field of the Prevention and Control of Cancer.

Goal 2.13.5

- A MOU was signed between the OIC General Secretariat and the UN Women on 22 September 2017 on the sideline of the 72nd session of the UN General Assembly in New York.
- Study visit and exhibition of works of female artists at IRCICA within the framework of the meeting of the OIC Women’s Council (established by the 13th Islamic Summit, Istanbul, 2016) held on 2-11 November 2017 in Istanbul.
- National Training Workshop on Cottage Industry for Rural Women was held by ISESCO in Uganda, 25-27 September 2017.

Goal 2.13.6

- The General Secretariat is consulting in order to appoint the OIC Goodwill Ambassador for Family Values Preservation, Women Advancement and Empowerment and child wellbeing in the OIC Member States.
- The General Secretariat in cooperation with Turkey held program of “Leadership and Entrepreneurship of Young Women” in Ankara and Istanbul, on 2-11 November 2017, was participated by the 50 OIC Member States.

Goal 2.13.7

- The General Secretariat is cooperating with Turkey in the preparation for the Conference of the NGOs active in the field of women empowerment to be held in Turkey.
- The General Secretariat is preparing to hold a workshop on developing the Capacities of National Institutions Working in the Field of Women Empowerment in OIC Member States, in collaboration with IDB and SESRIC.
- Preparing a study on the issue of street children and child workers, in cooperation with the rest of the partners, statistical, practical and operational aspects of which are trusted by the relevant institutions, for IIFA to issue a Sharia-based decision thereon.

Priority Area 14: Joint Islamic Humanitarian Action

Goals 2.14.1 to 2.14.2

Goal 2.14.1

- The first meeting of the Regional Organizations Humanitarian Action Network (ROHAN) took place in Malaysia in November 2016 and the second meeting was held in November 2017 in Addis Ababa. ROHAN was established in February 2015 with the joint efforts of OIC General Secretariat, Humanitarian Policy Group and the Overseas Development Institute (ODI-UK)
- The OIC, the IDB, and ISESCO carried out a field mission to Nigeria on 17-21 July 2016 to assess the humanitarian situation prevailing on the ground in the North East of Nigeria. The mission visited State authorities in Abuja.
- The OIC and the UN jointly organized a high-level session on the Sahel region on the margins of the 71st session of the UNGA held in September 2016.
- A senior officials meeting was convened at the OIC General Secretariat in Jeddah on 18 December 2016 to prepare for the fundraising conference in support of Yemen. This meeting brought together high officials from major donors and representatives of the main humanitarian actors in Yemen.

- A technical preparatory meeting was convened on 29 November 2016 at the OIC General Secretariat in Jeddah between the OIC, the Turkish Red Crescent and the IDB in order to establish a network between the Red Cross and the Red Crescent Societies within the OIC.
- A meeting was held on 4 December 2016 at the General Secretariat with the participation of OIC, the IDB, SESRIC, the ICIC and the Islamic Fiqh Academy to consider the best ways and means to further their cooperation through more effective coordination and exchange of information.
- Relief activities were conducted in the Central African Republic in 2016 during Eid ul Fitr and Eid ul Adha.
- A training workshop for NGOs from the Arab region was conducted at the OIC General Secretariat in Jeddah on 27-29 November 2016 on the best ways to equip humanitarian partners in a number of OIC Member States with requisite skills on how to quantify the impact of their projects on the communities they are working with.
- The OIC and USAID signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the sidelines of the UNGA in September 2016 to advance cooperation between both sides.
- The OIC General Secretariat participated in the Second Conference on Orphans in the Arab and Islamic worlds on 23-24 November 2016 in Sudan, under the theme “Towards a comprehensive orphan guardianship strategy”.
- The OIC participated in the Oslo Humanitarian Conference on Nigeria and Lake Chad region on 23-24 February 2017.
- Subject to the availability of financial resources, the OIC Humanitarian Office in Niger will be transformed into a regional office in accordance with a resolution adopted by the 44th session of the CFM held in Abidjan on 12-14 July 2017 following a request made by the President Issoufou of Niger to the OIC Secretary General on 12 January 2017 in Makkah.
- The OIC undertook on 20-25 August 2017 a joint field mission with the IB and the ISF in the Central African Republic to carry out a needs assessment mission to Bangui during which they met State officials in Bangui as well as other local, regional and international stakeholders.
- The ISF participated in the OIC joint mission to visit the Central African Republic to assess the situation in order to contribute to future health-related and education projects. The Fund has already financed a camp for Central African refugees in the Republic of Chad.

- The Fund offered emergency assistance to Syrian refugees in Jordan and Lebanon of a total amount of US\$ 250,000. ISF also offered US\$ 100,000 to assist Libyan refugees in Benghazi and its environs.

Goal 2.14.2

- The OIC GS (Department of Humanitarian Affairs) signed with the ICRC in 2015, a Plan of Action for 2015-2017 to promote the International Humanitarian Law (IHL).
- The OIC actively participated in the World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) held in May 2016 in Istanbul.
- A joint mission organized by the OIC and OCHA was undertaken to Afghanistan on 19-24 August 2016 to study suitable ways and means to support Afghan refugees and IDPs.
- The Department of Humanitarian Affairs participated in the Ninth Summit of the Global Forum on Migration and Development held in Dhaka, Bangladesh from 8-12 December 2016.
- The Department of Humanitarian Affairs and the UNHRC signed a PoA at the OIC Headquarters in Jeddah on 16 February 2017 to cover the period 2017-2018 in line with the 1988 Agreement signed between the two sides.
- SESRIC report, titled Humanitarian Crises in OIC Member Countries: Divers, Impacts and Current Challenges, issued in July 2017 reviews the current humanitarian crises in the OIC countries as well as in non-OIC countries involving Muslim communities. It highlights the main drivers and impacts of humanitarian crises in a broad perspective.
- SESRIC report, titled Islamic Solidarity in the 21st Century: Towards a more Integrated Future issued in Sept. 2017, contributes to efforts of OIC in promoting Islamic and intra-OIC solidarity. It brings about a broad approach that covers Economic and strategic solidarity, cultural, moral, and social solidarity, including acting together in the face of humanitarian crises.
- ISESCO organized a socio-medical caravan for remote rural populations, Dakar, Senegal, 9-15 December 2016.
- Preparation of a study by the IIFA Secretariat, showing the limits of the possibility of using Zakat and Waqf proceeds for financing humanitarian aid.
- The IDB stands ready to consider contributing to any plans and programs that may be proposed by the OIC institutions in this area.

- ISESCO organized Medical & Social Caravans in Africa, Bamako, Abidjan, Ouagadougou, 2017.

**Priority Area 15: Human Rights,
Good Governance and Accountability**

Goals 2.15.1 to 2.15.6

Goal 2.15.1

- IPHRC participation in various international conferences in Doha, Istanbul, Paris.
- Undertook studies on various topics including Countering Islamophobia, Rights of Minorities. Inheritance of Men and Women in Islam, Human Rights and Cultural Diversity, and IPHRC International Seminar on ‘the Role of Media in Combating Hate Speech’.
- Thematic debates during the IPHRC regular sessions (9th, 10th, and 11th) on Impact of Women Empowerment on Sustainable Development Protecting and Promoting Rights of Children During Situations of Armed Conflicts, Foreign Occupation, Emergencies and Disasters, Protecting Human Rights While Countering Terrorism.
- Visit to Palestine: IPHRC undertook field visit to Palestine to report upon the worsening human rights and humanitarian situation. A separate visit to Gaza is planned to have a complete picture on the human rights situation in the occupied Palestinian Territory.
- Visit to Indian occupied Kashmir (IOK): Mandated by the Res. 8/41/POL and 13th Islamic Summit, IPHRC Standing Mechanism to monitor human rights violations in IOK planned a fact finding visit to IOK in March 2017. In the absence of any positive response from the Indian Government and after having received invitations from the Government of Pakistan, the OIC-IPHRC delegation undertook a fact finding visit to the State of Azad Jammu and Kashmir in March 2017. Detailed report submitted to 44th CFM.
- Press statements: IPHRC statements are issued on all issues of concern condemning violations of human rights in many regions across the world.
- Preparation of studies in order to consolidate democratic institutions and human rights, in cooperation between the IIFA and the specialized bodies of the United Nations and the OIC.

Goal 2.15.2

- The IPHRC participated in the Extraordinary CFM on Rohingya held in Kuala Lumpur in January 2017 and presented a detailed statement highlighting the plight of the persecuted Muslim minority.

- For the last four year, IPHRC is trying to ascertain the permission of Myanmar Government to visit Myanmar to assess the human rights situation on ground. However, there has been a complete silence on the subject from Myanmar end. IPHRC is waiting for the appointment of new OIC Special Envoy on Rohingya.
- The Rohingya issue is part of IPHRC agenda which is discussed in the relevant Working Group during its Regular Session. In the 11th Regular Session held in May 2017, The Commission has decided to intensify collaboration with the OIC to campaign for the cause of the Rohingya minority, and to maintain it as an issue of concern at the international agenda, to raise awareness about the seriousness of the crisis and to cultivate in building a strong political opinion.
- SESRIC hosted a consultation meeting on “The Global Muslim Diaspora Project” (GMD) and was attended by ambassadors of OIC Member States as well as representatives from host countries on 28 March 2017.

Goal 2.15.3

- March & June 2017 –Visits to the 34th & 35th Sessions of UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC):
IPHRC delegation participated in the 34 and 35th Sessions of UN Human Rights Council. It made statements on various issues of concern to the OIC that emphasized the OIC views on these subjects. During these visits, IPHRC delegation meets the officials from the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), civil society representatives and interact with delegations of OIC Member States.
- Similar activities are carried out during the visit to UNGA Third Committee every year in October.
- Mandated by the CFM Resolution no. 4/43-C on Social and Family issues, the OIC-IPHRC presented a detailed study on the issue of ‘Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) in the light of Islamic and human rights framework’ which was adopted by the 44th CFM.
- IPHRC delegation participated in the ‘First Session of the Ministerial Conference on preservation of the values of marriage and family institution in OIC Member States’ from 08-09 February, 2017 at Jeddah.

Goal 2.15.4

- Review of the Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam (CDHRI):
IPHRC was mandated by the 42nd CFM to review the CDHRI against existing universal human rights instruments and make suggestions for its improvement. The IPHRC has

successfully completed the monumental task of reviewing the CDHRI and bringing it in conformity with the existing universal human rights instruments while fully preserving the Islamic values and teachings. The completed task was presented to the 44th CFM in the shape of a revised Declaration titled ‘The OIC Declaration on Human Rights-(ODHR)’. The 44th CFM vide its resolution no. 1/44-IPHRC, while welcoming this revised draft i.e. ODHR has requested the General Secretariat to constitute, on priority, an intergovernmental working group to discuss and finalize the draft ODHR.

Goal 2.15.5

- IPHRC study to define the concept/parameters of Right to Development (RtD) from IPHRC perspective:

The IPHRC Working Group on RtD is presently working on a draft Study that will define the parameters of Right to Development from IPHRC perspective. This study is based on the IPHRC Declaration on RtD issued at the end of its international Seminar on the RtD in 2106. The study aims to provide specific recommendations to the OIC Member States to pursue discussions within the framework of UN Intergovernmental Working Group on RtD and relevant provisions of the recently adopted UN Sustainable Development Goals with special focus on North-South Cooperation, global partnerships and equitable and comprehensive development for all with targeted actions both at the national/regional and international levels.

Goal 2.15.6

- Ongoing Studies: OIC-IPHRC has initiated studies on (i) Promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism, (ii) Paper to clarify the terms Gender Equality, Gender Equity and Gender Justice.
- IPHRC is planning to hold orientation sessions for the Commission Members in collaboration with the OHCHR. Additionally, the IPHRC is expected to arrange training on Treaty Bodies reporting both for the Commissioners and Member States in collaboration with the OHCHR.
- Seminar on Human Rights and Inter-Cultural Dialogue is being organized by ISESCO in Rabat, December 2017.

Priority Area 16: Media and Public Diplomacy

Goals 2.16.1 to 2.16.4

Goal 2.16.1

- The General Secretariat organized in partnership with the Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) the two meetings of the Ad hoc Committee on the OIC International Prize to honor the media outlets and professionals of outstanding contributions in promoting tolerance, harmony and intercultural dialogue at the headquarters of the Union of News Agencies of OIC member states (UNA) in Dakar on 10 April 2017 and at Jeddah on 30

October 2017. The meeting discussed all aspects pertaining to the prize which will be officially launched in 2018.

- A workshop was organized by the General Secretariat for the elaboration of guidelines to train journalists on coverage of terrorist events at its headquarters in Jeddah, from 31 October to 2 November 2017 in cooperation with the Islamic Organization of Education, Science and Culture (ISESCO) and Thomson Foundation. Thirty journalists from various OIC countries participated in this media event, which issued a Final Communique and recommendations.
- The General Secretariat invited its member states to nominate journalists to participate in an international media training program hosted by Turkey in Antalya from 4 to 12 December 2017 offered for international media. The program was offered by TRT and was directed for the broadcast media in particular. Twenty-one (21) journalists from the three geographical groups of the OIC participated in this program.
- SESRIC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Anadolu Agency (AA) to initiate and facilitate cooperation and collaboration between both institutions to train well-informed journalists capable of correctly analyzing the recent developments in OIC Member States and the rest of the world, and prepare news packages in compliance with international standards and open them to access among the OIC Member States.

Goal 2.16.2

- The General Secretariat organized a consultative meeting for those in charge of OIC media institutions at the OIC headquarters on 20 March 2017 to discuss implementation mechanisms of the OIC media strategy to combat the phenomenon of Islamophobia and OIC media strategy until 2025, which were adopted by the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM).
- The General Secretariat has launched a media campaign to highlight the sufferings and plight of Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar and to introduce OIC activities and programs geared toward this issue. The media campaign, which has been launched over social media networks, with a special website dedicated for the campaign, is also meant to increase awareness of ordinary people about the sufferings and rights of Rohingya Muslims.
- Work is in progress for establishing the OIC Satellite Channel and YouTube channel in coordination with the OIC member states and institutions.
- Articles are being contributed regularly by the OIC Secretary General and senior officials in international publications on various issues of concern to OIC such as science and technology, Islamophobia, and Rohingya.

Goal 2.16.3

- The General Secretariat launched a photo contest campaign during Ramadan in 2016 and 2017 over social media networks to increase OIC visibility worldwide. Participants in the campaign had been requested to produce a quality pictures on the social, humanitarian, economic, and

cultural aspects of Ramadan. These campaigns have increased hit of OIC website and introduced the OIC to the public through an interactive approach. The winners have been rewarded by granting them ‘Umrah packages.

- Committee will be formed (Information Department, Dialogue Centre, Minorities Department, Islamophobia Observatory, UNA, IDB) to launch a film competition to enhance OIC public diplomacy.
- Working on producing short films of various themes to be broadcast through social media.
- SESRIC organized the first-ever statistical outreach programme in March 2017 on ‘Community Outreach through Social Media for National Statistics Offices’ on 13-14 March 2017 for the benefit of General Directorate of Statistics and Economic Studies (DGSEE) of Gabon, provided by National Institute of Statistics (INS) of Cote d’Ivoire. SESRIC plans to organize 2 statistical outreach programmes on ‘Community Outreach through Social Media for National Statistics for the benefit of NSOs of Oman and Senegal.
- COMIAC in collaboration with the Amicale Inspectors of Arabic Teaching in Senegal organized a debate-workshop on 14 November 2017 in Dakar on the theme: Islam and Contemporary World Challenges.
- Signing of two agreements on the establishment of two ISESCO regional centres for media training in the African region (Dakar) and the Arab region (Khartoum) in 2016.
- Meeting of officials in charge of Quranic radio stations in the Islamic World, ISESCO HQ, Rabat, 14-15 May 2016.

Goal 2.16.4

- Information Department has established coordination mechanism with OIC institutions and has started organizing programs and activities with them in implementation of relevant resolutions in media.
- OIC and ISESCO organized a training workshop in partnership with the Union of News Agencies of OIC member states (UNA) and Thomason Foundation at UNA and OIC Headquarters from 6 to 10 November 2016 to enhance journalists’ understanding and skills in utilizing social media networks in a creative manner to increase awareness on endeavors and programs of the OIC and its institutions globally as well as to publish and broadcast reports and news items on such endeavors.
- The OIC in cooperation with the ISESCO and Islamic Cultural Centre in London organized a workshop in the city of London, UK, on 15 and 16 July 2017 to discuss ways and means to energize OIC media strategy in combating Islamophobia from a legal and media perspectives. Media experts and representative of civil society have participated in the workshop.
- The OIC organized, in cooperation with ISESCO and the General Directorate of Bahrain’s Committee on Education, Sciences and Culture, a regional workshop on ways to highlight

women's role in society and enhance their presence in media on 4 and 5 October 2017 in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain.

- The OIC General Secretariat organized a regional workshop in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 16-17 October 2017 to discuss the implementation mechanisms of the OIC Media Strategy in Countering Islamophobia. The workshop was convened in partnership with the ISESCO, COMIAC and the Senegalese National Commission for UNESCO/ISESCO. Participants in the workshop, who were trainers from media training institutions from a number of African countries, also discussed the Course on Training Journalists to Counter Stereotypes about Islam and Muslims in Western Media that had been prepared by ISESCO, and issued a Final Communiqué with valuable recommendations.
- The 4th International Seminar on Role of Media in Combating Hate Speech was organized by ISESCO in Rabat, 23-24 October 2017.

Priority Area 17: ICT and Digital Information Structure

Goals 2.17.1 to 2.17.3

Goal 2.17.1

- Study underway for developing cooperation and collaboration with other relevant bodies and international organizations.
- Initiating outreach programs in cooperation with OIC-CERT Member States to raise greater awareness about the importance of ICT skills in today's world.
- The Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities (OICC) has instituted a special award for excellence in electronics. The award was established for the benefit of the best electronic services provided by an Islamic capital or city, is set to be delivered every three years along with the other awards at the OICC General Assembly.
- SMIIIC is coordinating with OIC-CERT for promoting cooperation for standards for ICT skills among OIC countries.

Goal 2.17.2

- Launched Information Resource Center (IRC) on 18 October 2017 in the General Secretariat with the objective of :
 - Providing services, business models and making Information Resources Center (IRC) a platform for exchange of knowledge, information, and cross collaboration between all OIC departments and institutions.
 - Be a strategic institutional asset that develops and delivers new methods of creating and supporting knowledge resources.

- Enrich and fuel research and cooperation by generating specialized databases for General Secretariat and OIC Member States.
- Work in progress to complete phase 1 in coordination with SESRIC to:
 - Develop a platform for effective coordination and sharing of information about the activities of OIC institutions.
 - Develop and maintain searchable central database of OIC wide data.
 - Agreed to link the OIC-SESRIC data base knowledge with one platform for sharing and disseminating knowledge.

Goal 2.17.3

- Efforts have been exerted with a view to securing effective implementation of the OIC resolution as observer in the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) in ICANN. General Secretariat has been effectively participating in ICANN GAC meetings during 2017.
- OIC as observer in the GAC coordinated with OIC Member States to secure GAC chair for an OIC Member State for 2018-2020 period.
- A regional training session was convened by ISESCO on the “Use of Modern Technology in the Display of Delicate Collections”, Kuwait, 10-12 November 2016.
- ISESCO organized the Educational Forum for officials responsible for the development and management of school curricula on the digital conversion of curricula at Muscat at Sultanate of Oman, 24-26 October 2016.
- ISESCO co-organized the international symposium on “Free Software in the Countries of the South”, Meknes, Morocco, 23-24 May 2016.
- ISESCO held:
 - National Training Workshop on “the Use of Free/Libre and Open Source Software (FLOSS), Gambia, 17-19 May 2017.
 - National Training Session on Library Management in Agadir, Morocco, 24-25 May 2017.
 - International Conference on Literacy in a Digital World, Paris, 8 September 2017.

Priority Areas 18: OIC Institutional Reforms

Goals 2.18.1 to 2.18.6

Goal 2.18.1

- A coordination meeting between the General Secretariat and the Subsidiary Organs will be held in the sidelines of the forthcoming 47th Permanent Finance Committee to enhance coordination and effectiveness of their established partnership.
- Information gathering and consultations among the Subsidiary Organs on the restructuring processes for the OIC will be an added value to the above-mentioned coordination meeting.

Goal 2.18.2

- The General Secretariat has enhanced its information gathering and retrieval capacity for digitizing documents to supporting smarter business decisions through the installation of Laser Fiche system. It is a popular software for enterprise content management, business process automation, and productivity-boosting analytics. It is expected to provide a progressive roadmap to help organizations of all size to embrace the benefits of digital transformation.

Goal 2.18.3

- An Intergovernmental Group of Experts (IGGE) was established by the 44th CFM to review in a comprehensive manner the OIC Personnel. The IGGE convened its first session in Jeddah during the period from 22 to 23 October, 2017 and requested to obtain proposals and feedback from all member States to be discussed in its second session to be held in January 2018.
- The General Secretariat has successfully started the process of deploying Microsoft's Dynamics Enterprise Resources Planning (ERP) System in its phase I, which will confine to General Secretariat and its six Permanent Overseas Offices. The Financial Management, the Human Resources Management and the Payroll are focused in the implementation of this ERP. Phase II is planned to include the Subsidiary Organs, some of which have already implemented the ERP system.
- The successful accomplishment of this goal in its above-mentioned two phases will develop a full-fledged integrated ERP System to be used by the General Secretariat and its Subsidiary Organs.
- SESRIC has initiated a Programme for Enhancing Analytical and Statistical Skills of its staff members (PEAS). The first statistical capacity building training was organized in July-August 2017 in data visualization (infographics).

- More capacity building programmes are planned on the subjects of Statistical Software, Descriptive Statistics, Econometrics, Time Series Analysis, and Panel Data Analysis.

Goal 2.18.4

- In line with Resolution No. 4/43-AF(PFC), which requested the General Secretariat to complete its study to develop a new contributions scale table in accordance with the charter of the OIC, as well as the request of a number of Member States for the same, the General Secretariat had requested the Statistical Economic and Statistical Research Islamic Centre (SESRIC) to prepare a report on the revision of the share of Member States to the annual budget of the General Secretariat.
- SESRIC has finalized its report in July 2017. This report will be submitted to the forthcoming 47th PFC meeting to be held in the first quarter of 2018.

Goal 2.18.5

- The OIC Charter has come into force following its ratification by forty Member States.

Goal 2.18.6

- The General Secretariat is in the process of hiring of a consulting company to undertake a comprehensive study on restructuring of the General Secretariat and its Subsidiary Organs in line with modern governance practices. This report will be submitted to an Intergovernmental Group of Experts Meeting in terms of Resolution No. 2/42-AF.
