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An Overview

The OIC-2025 is the flagship document describing the Organization's agenda for the current decade 2016-2025. Following its adoption by the 13th Islamic Summit Conference held at Istanbul (Republic of Turkey) on 14-15 April 2016, the OIC-2025 is now in the critical phase of implementation. For this purpose, Implementation Plan 2016-2025 has been developed which elaborates 107 goals, identified under 18 priority areas into programmes and activities while delineating implementing partners and the suggested timelines. The implementation status of these programmes and activities is reviewed in the progress reports submitted to the Council of Foreign Ministers in its annual sessions. The first Progress Report 2016-17 was submitted to the 45th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Dhaka, 5-6 May 2018).

2. The report in hand is the second in the series and presents a detailed account of the implementation status of various programmes and activities in the context of OIC-2025 including those to be undertaken towards the end of the current year. These programmes and activities are intended to contribute towards the realization of the goals and objectives of the Programme of Action. All these activities, therefore, are means to an end, not an end in themselves, neither a one-time event. Many of these activities may continue over the years or undergo change while addressing different dimensions of the given goals.

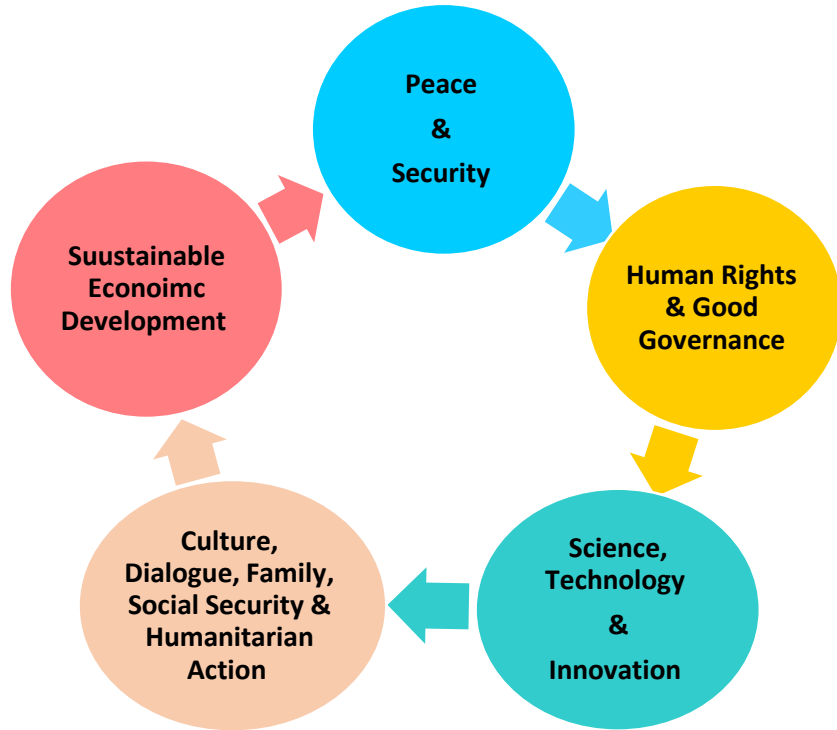
Vision and Framework

3. The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) was established in the wake of a political development, i.e. the grievous event of 21 August 1969 which brought together the Ummah to consider the criminal arson of the sacred Al-Aqsa Mosque and the situation in the Middle East.

The predominant part of its agenda, therefore, was formed of political issues. A brief reference in the declaration of the first Islamic Summit Conference (Rabat, 25 September 1969) expressing resolve to “consult together with a view to promoting between themselves close cooperation and mutual assistance in the economic, scientific, cultural and spiritual fields” heralded a cheering growth in the OIC agenda from a single political issue to diverse developmental fields over the years. This also set in motion the search for avenues that could provide concrete expression to the strong bonds of Islamic fraternity, comradery and commitment to a shared future.

4. Completing five decades of its existence, the scope of the Organization’s work has expanded to include many areas of immediate concern relating to human development, quality of life and well-being of the people. The stature and influence of any organization rests on its relevance to the people. Its ability to bring about a change in the lives of the people reinforces the organization’s credibility and enhances its influence. The OIC recognizes the centrality of peace and stability as essential pre-requisites for progress and development. People are always the first victim of conflicts. Security situations, mounting acts of terrorism, violent extremism, radicalization, Islamophobia and alike, adversely affect the prospects of any meaningful and sustainable progress.

5. The selection of 18 priority areas with 107 goals identified under the OIC-2025 framework accordingly envision the Organization’s role as an effective partner for peace and development in the Muslim world and beyond. These priority areas range from peace and security, violent extremism, terrorism, moderation, inter-cultural and inter-faith harmony to poverty alleviation, food security, health, education, human rights, empowerment of women, youth and humanitarian action, among others. All these areas contribute to the achievement of the over- arching goal of human development which puts people at the center of development, both as its drivers and its beneficiaries. The chart below brings out the underlying theme of the inclusive growth in the development paradigm being pursued in this Programme of Action:



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Palestine & Al Quds - Peace & Security - Counter Terrorism, Violent Extremism & Islamophobia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Human Rights - Media & Public Diplomacy - Institutional Reforms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Science & Technology - Education - Health - Information and Communication Technology
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moderation, Interfaith Harmony - Advancement of Women - Joint Islamic Humanitarian Action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Poverty Alleviation - Trade, Investment & Finance - Employment, Infrastructure and Industrialization - Agriculture & Food Security - Environment, Climate Change & Sustainability 	

From Vision to Action

6. The OIC-2025 is a comprehensive agenda for cooperation and partnership. Joint Islamic Action remains the essential element of the OIC’s framework of cooperation and development. It recognizes the importance of the strong historical and cultural affinities among the people in the OIC member states for enhancing cooperation in the political, social and economic domains. The principles that guided the development of the OIC-2025 and remain central to its implementation include: partnership, country ownership, collective approach for implementation of projects, good governance and coordination. Greater involvement and political ownership by the member states, particularly through mainstreaming of OIC programmes and projects in their national priorities is essential for the success of the Programme of Action. The OIC-2025 commits to pursue its goals

in harmony with the existing OIC agreements/strategies/plans of action, including those of the OIC standing committees and other framework documents between the member states.

7. The OIC-2025 is anchored in the provisions of the OIC Charter. Its Implementation Plan 2016-2025 is the fundamental document for the current phase. It comprises programmes, activities and projects in each sector which flow from various official pronouncements including Summit declarations, CFM resolutions, sectoral ministerial meetings and work programmes of various OIC organs and institutions. These programmes and activities, therefore, are within the ambit of approved activities and are reflected in the annual work programmes of the respective OIC institutions. Based on the inputs received from the member states, the OIC institutions including the standing committees and other partners, the Implementation Plan 2016-2025 was first submitted to the 44th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Abidjan, 10-11 July 2017). The updated Implementation Plan for the current decade was endorsed by the 45th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held at Dhaka on 5-6 May 2018. It is pertinent to mention here that due to varying schedules of CFM sessions, institutions do not get a standard 12 months span to complete the proposed activity and report thereon in the relevant calendar year.

8. It is heartening to note that all organs and institutions in the OIC system are fully committed to the goals and objectives of the OIC-2025 and their activities are geared towards the realization of the same. The continued cooperation of all institutions in this regard shall ensure focused, consistent and effective implementation of Programme of Action in the coming years. Progress Report for the period 2016-17 which was presented to the 45th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers clearly demonstrated the commitment of these institutions to the OIC-2025.

9. The Progress Report for the period 2017-18 reflects the continued positive trend and confirms that actions as stipulated in the Implementation Plan 2016-2025 are being pursued with full vigour. This is evident from the number of activities and programmes undertaken during 2016-17 and 2017-18 in the agreed priority areas. The total number of activities reported by various institutions during the period 2016-17 were 435. It has recorded impressive growth and the number of activities has increased to 630 during 2017-18. The chart I below highlights the robust relationship between the activities envisaged and the activities undertaken during 2017-18. The

Chart 2 contains a comparative view of programmes and activities undertaken between 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 in various priority areas of OIC-2025.

Chart 1

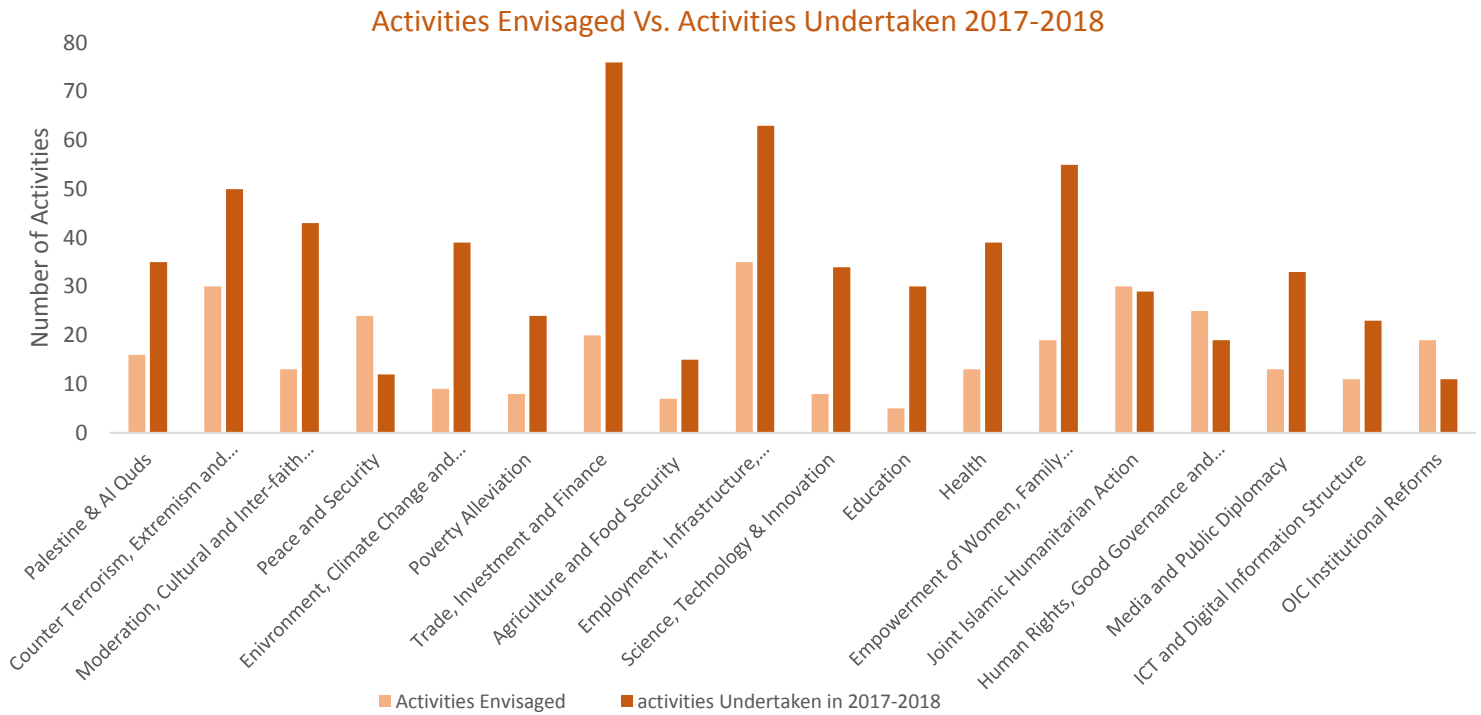
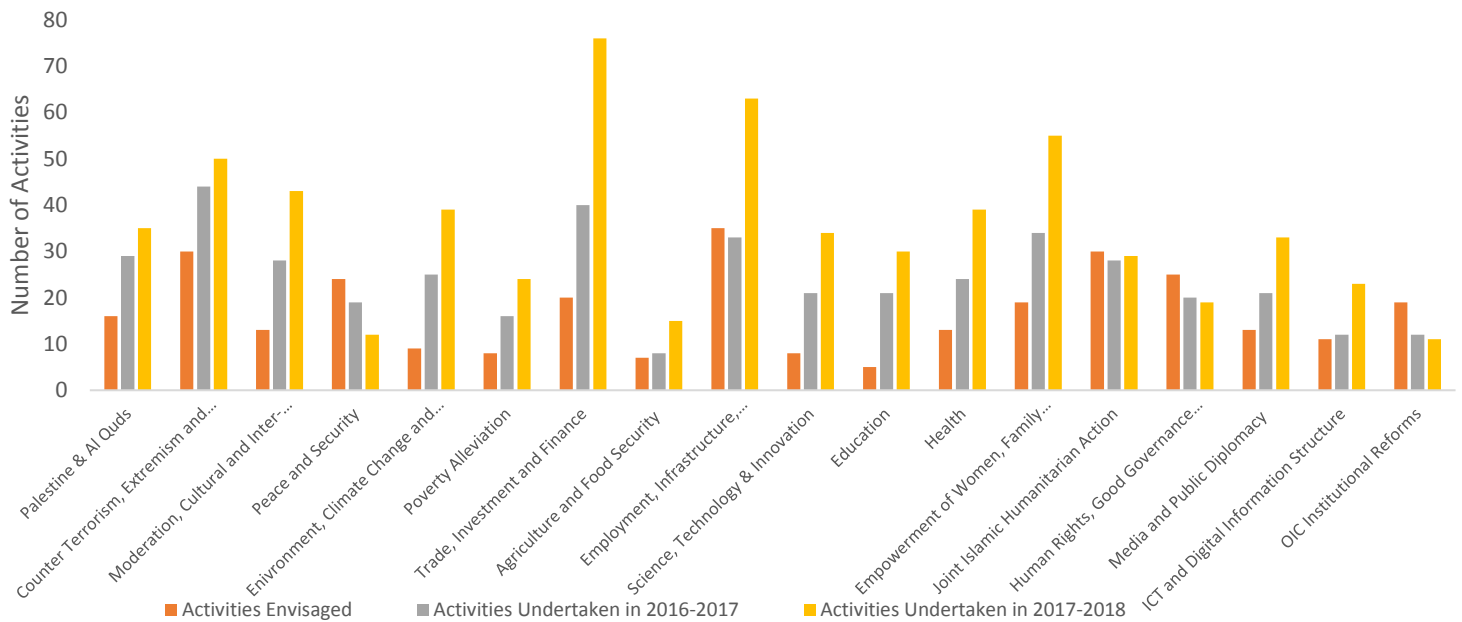


Chart 2

Comparision of Activites undertaken between 2016-2017 and 2017-2018



Partnership for Development

10. As part of the on-going efforts to ensure effective implementation of the Programme of Action, the Secretary General has addressed letters to the member States inviting them to contribute in realizing the overall goals of the OIC-2025 and indicate specific activities, programmes and projects they wish to undertake independently or collectively in the context of the Programme of Action. Communications were also addressed to the OIC organs and institutions as well as relevant international organizations, UN specialized agencies and other bodies seeking their effective participation in the implementation of the Programme of Action. The UN Secretary General was also addressed a communication proposing to develop a mechanism for promoting effective partnership and intensive global engagement for successful realization of the goals and objectives of the OIC-2025 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Building on the complementarities of the two programmes, both sides can join hands for the collective good of all people.

11. The OIC-2025 is a historic political undertaking signifying the commitment of the member states at the summit level to working together for a shared future. The goals that it seeks to pursue offer a lot to everybody – a hope to people under occupation, to people in distress, to people facing deprivation, discrimination, injustice, poverty, disease and hunger. The OIC member states can together ensure that their journey on the road to 2025 is successful and its gains irreversible.

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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 International Center for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue	LAS	League of Arab States	IBU	Islamic Broadcasting Union
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	UNA	Union of OIC News Agencies
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
IFIHL	Islamic Forum for International Humanitarian Law	SDG	Sustainable Development Goal (UN)	OPAAW	OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women
APCERT	Asian Pacific Computer Emergency Response Team	ICANN	Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers	ASEAN	Association of South East Asian Nations
UNDOC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime	UNOSSC	United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation		

Implementation Status
Priority Area 1: Palestine and Al-Quds Al-Sharif
Goals 2.1.1 to 2.1.3

Goals: 2.1.1

- An Extraordinary Meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the level of Foreign Ministers in New York on 26 September 2018 to follow up the implementation of the decisions of the 6th and 7th Extraordinary Summits on Palestine.
- OIC Six Member-Committee on Palestine held its annual meeting on 26 September 2018 on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly and referred recommendations to the Coordination Meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers.
- Consultations were held to establish a joint coordination mechanism between the Arab League, the African Union and the OIC to discuss all aspects relating to the Palestinian cause in international fora.
- General Secretariat (Department of Al Quds Affairs) participated in the Conference of Supervisors on Palestinian Affairs in the host Arab countries, held by the Arab League in Cairo on 29 July -1 August 2018.
- Statements were delivered at the UN Security Council meetings on 25 July and 18 October 2018 which highlighted the OIC position regarding the developments of the issue of Palestine and Al-Quds Al-Sharif.
- General Secretariat (Department of Al Quds Affairs) issued a circular to all OIC member states, on 27 June 2018 urging them to participate in the discussion on “Human rights situation in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Al-Quds Al-Sharif” during the Human Rights Council’s regular meeting.
- The 7th Extraordinary session of the Islamic Summit was convened on 18 May 2018 in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, to discuss the grievous developments in the State of Palestine, resulting from the Israeli occupation forces’ attack on the Palestinian citizens.
- SESRIC sponsored two capacity building programs, in cooperation with the OIC Representative Office to the State of Palestine on 9 January and 6 November 2018 in support of the Palestinian governmental institutions.

Goal 2.1.2

- IDB-led Program of Economic Empowerment for the Palestinian people has been established in implementation of the resolutions of the Extraordinary Summit on Palestine held in Turkey on 13 December 2017.

- The Palestine Ijara Company (PIC), one of ICD's investee companies, is providing financing to businesses in the manufacturing, agribusiness, healthcare, construction, mining and retail sectors. ICD approved a LOF of US\$ 3 million to grow its Ijara portfolio.
- Union of OIC News Agencies (UNA) created a special window on its website to follow developments relating to the Palestinian cause and dissemination of its news in three languages (Arabic, English and French) among the member news agencies.
- UNA General Assembly in a resolution on the Palestinian cause, agreed to undertake various activities including:
 - Raising public awareness about the question of Palestine through providing maximum media coverage.
 - Allocating space for news stories about the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif.
 - Organizing media forums on the Palestinian issue.
 - Coordination between the Palestinian News & Information Agency (WAFA) and the Union of OIC News Agencies (UNA)
 - Visit program of media delegations from the official news agencies of the member states to Palestine, in coordination with the Palestinian News & Information Agency (WAFA).
- SESRIC organized a study visit in Ankara, Turkey on 26-27 February 2018 for a delegation from the Palestinian International Cooperation Agency (PICA). The visit was aimed at exploring the potentials for better coordination and cooperation between SESRIC and PICA as well as to forge partnership with Turkish institutions to respond to challenges of development in Palestine.
- SESRIC and the Palestinian International Cooperation Agency (PICA) signed a Memorandum of understanding (MoU) on 26 February 2018 to strengthen cooperation between the two partners in areas of mutual interest.
- SESRIC organized Occupational Health and Safety Training in Palestine on 23-24 September 2018. The aim of this programme was to highlight the principles and fundamentals of industrial security and occupational safety at workplace and to shed light on the key requirements for providing safe and secured conditions at workplaces.
- Project on "Syrian Palestinian Employment & Entrepreneurship Development – SPEED" for the period January-December 2018 was launched by SESRIC in response to the call by the OIC Summit to scale up programs for economic empowerment of the Palestinian refugee families.

- General Secretariat (Department of Al Quds Affairs) participated in the International high-level meeting in support for the Palestine refugees, organized in New York on 27 September 2018. Participating countries pledged about \$ 122 million in support for UNRWA.
- Secretary General OIC addressed a message on 8 January 2018 to the Foreign Minister of Guatemala, Polanco, condemning the decision to move the Guatemalan embassy to the occupied city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif, and demanded that the decision be reversed, as it constituted a flagrant breach of international law and relevant UN resolutions.

Goal 2.1.3

- IRCICA continued various research projects during the year 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: Reproductions, English and Arabic summaries of official decrees and records of the Ottoman State as original references on history of Al-Quds. Volume III relating to the period of 1700-1719 and Volume IV related to the period of 1720-1749 published in 2018.
- Series of books on Sharia Court Registers of Jerusalem: 3 new volumes were published by IRCICA in 2018.
- IRCICA in collaboration with authorities, universities and institutions from Palestine and a multidisciplinary group of experts continued long term program involving studies and field missions on preservation of cultural heritage and assistance to social development in Al-Quds and Palestine.
- IRCICA organized two exhibitions of historical photographs and documents of Al-Quds, held at Arab League Headquarters, Cairo, 12 March 2018, and ALESCO Headquarters, Tunis, on the 42nd Palestinian Land Day.
- Presentation at UN-OIC Conference on “The Question of Jerusalem after 50 years of occupation and 25 years of the Oslo Accords”: Rabat, 26-28 June 2018.
- General Secretariat organized and sponsored an international conference on Al-Quds Al-Sharif, on 26-28 June 2018, in Rabat, in cooperation with the UN Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People to sensitize the international public opinion about the grave violations being perpetrated by Israel, against Al-Quds Al-Sharif.
- People's Republic of Bangladesh paid US\$50,000 in contribution to the OIC Fund for Al-Quds on 19 July 2018.

- Program of Action is being implemented for commemorating the city of Al- Quds as the Capital of Muslim Youth for 2018 by Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF- DC).
- General Secretariat (Department of Al Quds Affairs) participated in Al-Azhar International Conference to Support Al-Quds Al-Sharif on 17 January 2018 in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt.
- Bayt Mal Al Quds Agency, which is the field Organ of Al Quds Committee, continued to implement projects in the vital sectors of education, health, housing, youth, women, children, in order to help enhance the socio-economic conditions of Al Quds population, and protect the cultural and spiritual landmarks in the city of Al Quds Al Sharif.
- IBRAF at its annual meeting (Cotonou, Benin, 19-20 February 2018) adopted Cotonou Declaration on Al Quds and reiterated its commitment to the cause of Palestine and Al Quds in the field of audio- visual media.
- OICC in cooperation with the General Secretariat (Palestine and Al Quds Department) is working to organize an international conference of OIC capitals in implementation of the relevant resolution concerning financial support mechanisms for the Palestinian people.
- Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) has allocated an independent budget line to Palestine within its annual budget. ISF extends financial support to various social, educational and health-related institutions which are undertaking humanitarian and social projects. The Fund's total support to the Palestinian people amounted to US\$ 1,647,000 during 2017-2018.
- ISESCO is supporting a number of educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Palestine and Al Quds.
- Workshop on the protection of the Al Quds landmarks was held by ISESCO at its headquarters in Rabat.
- National Forum for the Palestinian youth was organized by ISESCO in Rabat.

**Priority Area 2: Counter-Terrorism, Extremism, Violent Extremism, Radicalization,
Sectarianism and Islamophobia**
Goals 2.2.1 to 2.2.7

Goal 2.2.1

- Union of OIC News Agencies (UNA) General Assembly at its fifth session on 15 October 2017 adopted a resolution on the threat posed by terrorism to peace and security.
- UNA conducted a training workshop on October 3-4, 2018 at the UNA Training Center on enhancing intellectual security and fighting money laundering and terrorism.

- SESRIC and the Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB) jointly organized a Workshop on “Muslim Diaspora: Prospects and Challenges for Global Peace and Prosperity” on 12-13 May 2018 in Istanbul, Turkey.
- SESRIC prepared a report in October 2018 titled “Achieving Peace & Security in a World of Turmoil: An Arduous Challenge for the OIC”. This study outlines the current state of violent extremism, armed conflicts and organized violence and the challenge of achieving peace and security in the world at large and OIC countries in particular.
- Political consultations are scheduled to be held with Russia and Switzerland to enhance OIC’s bilateral cooperation on combating terrorism, preventing violent extremism and countering radicalization.
- OIC signed an MOU with UN Office of Counter terrorism (UNOCT) on 25 September 2018. The MOU will serve as a milestone in enhancing OIC-UN cooperation in the field of counter terrorism.
- General Secretariat (PSCU) has been participating in regional and international events with the view to enhancing international cooperation and collaboration in combating terrorism, violent extremism and radicalization.

Goal 2.2.2

- Work in progress. Additional Protocol to the OIC Convention on Combating International Terrorism (1999) is being finalized, in collaboration with UNODC.

Goal 2.2.3

- OIC and KAIIICID share the same goals, and work together for promoting dialogue and interfaith harmony, tolerance and moderation.
- General Secretariat (Dialogue and Outreach Department) organized two important joint activities successfully with KAICIID and the Network of Religious and Traditional Peacemakers: 1) Buddhist-Muslim Dialogue (Bangkok, 18-20 December 2017) and 2) Interfaith Dialogue on Central African Republic (Dakar, 8-11 December 2017).
- An MoU was signed with International Center of Excellence for Countering Violent Extremism (Hedayah) on 16 December 2017. Some MoUs are in the pipeline to be signed with different international organizations.
- A Consultative Meeting of the OIC member states was held in the General Secretariat on 17 July 2017 to discuss the activities of Sawt Al-Hikma in the field of countering terrorist’s narrative.

- General Secretariat (Dialogue and Outreach Department) is preparing to hold two important activities with KAICIID soon: 1. Interreligious Dialogue in Cambodia, and 2. Intra-Muslim Dialogue to be organized in Bangui.
- General Secretariat (Dialogue and Outreach Department) took part in the High-level Consultation Meeting of Muslim Scholars organized by the Government of Indonesia from 1-3 May 2018 at Bogor.
- During 2018, IIFA in cooperation with ISESCO organized a number of workshops to formulate recommendations for the development of a curriculum promoting the values of peace, harmony and tolerance.
- IIFA organized a seminar to formulate recommendations regarding the role of religious scholars in combating violent extremism and radicalization.
- IIFA plays an active role in the activities of the Executive Committee of the Network of Religious and Traditional Peacemakers.
- Coordination meetings are regularly held between IIFA, KAICIID and other stakeholders for reinforcing their activities in pursuit of common goals.
- COMIAC took part in the sixth meeting of the Consultative Council for Cultural Development in the Islamic World held at Manama in the Kingdom of Bahrain on 24- 25 September 2018.
- Eight studies on countering extremism were presented to the 23rd session of IIFA Council in October 2018.
- ISESCO held a training session on professional methods to counter Islamophobia, fanaticism and hate speech in media at Hilversum, the Netherlands on 1-3 November 2018.
- ISESCO held the sixteenth meeting of the supreme council for education, science and culture of Muslims outside the Islamic world. Held the third Forum of heads of Islamic cultural centers and associations outside the Islamic world under the theme “Islamic cultural action in the west for the promotion of development and coexistence, at Santiago on 28 October – 31 October 2018.

Goal 2.2.4

- At its 5th session in Jeddah on 15 October 2017, the UNA General Assembly adopted a resolution to strengthen the role of the member news agencies in combating the mounting trend of Islamophobia.
- UNA contributed in the preparation of the guide book for journalists for coverage of terrorist events in the workshop held on 2 November 2017 in Jeddah.

- General Secretariat (Dialogue and Outreach Department) prepares reports on Islamophobia on monthly and annual basis.
- General Secretariat (Dialogue and Outreach Department) makes assessment of the situation of Islamophobia every three months and submits its assessment to Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the member states.
- General Secretariat (Dialogue and Outreach Department) contributed to the 5th International Seminar on “Islamophobia: A Human Rights Violation and A Contemporary Manifestation of Racism” organized by the OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC) in Istanbul, Turkey, from 17-18 October 2018.
- The principles stipulated in the UN resolution 16/18 were highlighted in the speeches of the Secretary General and other officials to carry forward the campaign against xenophobia and all forms of discrimination.
- General Secretariat (Dialogue and Outreach Department) contributed to the OIC-Swiss bilateral Consultations for 2018, held in Berne, Switzerland, on 19 October 2018 on issues related to Islamophobia.
- COMIAC reiterated its commitment to support all OIC initiatives aiming to fight against Islamophobia and its readiness to explore the possibility of hosting the annual International Festival of Al-Quds Al-Sharif Heritage.
- COMIAC participated in the First Islamic-European Media Forum to discuss means of cooperation to end hate speech in the media, held in Brussels on 29- 30 June, 2018. The Director of COMIAC was the moderator of one of the working sessions namely “conditions for cooperation between media in the OIC member states and their Europeans counterparts.”
- COMIAC took part in the 14th session of the OIC-UN Conference on cooperation at ISESCO Headquarters in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, 3-5 July 2018.
- IIFA intends to publish a book on Islamophobia which will include the IIFA Council’s resolution on this issue. The study is expected to be complete early next year.
- IRCICA continued to arrange cultural and scholarly activities on themes relating to Islamic culture and cultural heritage in different regions of the world and within global forums, including UN Alliance of Civilizations.
- UNA participated in a training workshop on dismantling and delegitimizing extremist discourse promoted by terrorist and extremist forces via the internet and social media sites on 6 February 2018 at the General Secretariat.

- UNA is working, in cooperation with the Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU), to produce radio reports to deepen societal awareness about the religious and humanitarian commitment to the issues of the Islamic Ummah.
- UNA and the Hedaya met on 30 July 2018 and agreed to cooperate in the implementation of joint projects to combat hate speech and extremism.
- Grand Mufti of Egypt and the UNA Director General met on 17 September 2018 and discussed cooperation in addressing the “Takfiri Fatwas” issued by extremist groups.

Goal 2.2.5

- General Secretariat (PSCU) co-hosted a Workshop on the ‘Role of Religious Education in Fostering Peace and Countering Violence’, Niamey Niger, November 2017, to address the issues of countering radicalization and preventing extremisms among the youth at the level of educational institutions.
- PSCU in collaboration with the Kazakh foreign Ministry organized an orientation program for the diplomats of OIC member states on the transnational threats, counter terrorism and prevention of violent extremism, on 12-14 November 2018 in Almaty Kazakhstan.

Goal 2.2.6

- SMIIC is continuing research in certification and accreditation of ICT related transactions, products and technologies, and contacted OIC-CERT for possible cooperation.
- OIC-CERT has developed cyber security standard operating policies, procedures and best practices. These include:
 - Security & Privacy Guidelines for Online Social Network
 - Security Requirements for Smartphone App Stores
- General Secretariat (IT Department) in cooperation with OIC-CERT organized two training drills during the year:
 - Hosted by Oman National CERT, titled Crypto-Currencies: Risks and Emerging Threats.
 - OIC CERT and APCERT conducted Annual Cyber Drill on Cybersecurity.

Goal 2.2.7

- The OIC-CERT conducted Annual Cyber Drill to test and evaluate the readiness of the communication capabilities of the OIC-CERT members. The OIC-CERT Annual Cyber Drill 2018 hosted by the Oman National CERT was conducted on 18 September 2018 with participation of 11 OIC member countries.
- The OIC-CERT and the Asia Pacific Computer Emergency Response Team (APCERT) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate in the area of cyber

security. Based on this MoU, the APCERT invited members of the OIC-CERT to participate in their annual cyber drill and vice versa on 7 March 2018.

- Consultations are in progress with experts for formulation of relevant laws and policies to mitigate crimes on Cyberspace.
- Memorandum of understanding was signed to develop counter narrative to combat terrorism on social media, with Sawab Center on 20 November 2018, at Abu Dhabi.
- Memorandum of Understanding was signed with University of Imam Mohamed bin Abdul-Aziz on Counter Terrorism and violent Extremism on 11 March 2018 in Madinah, KSA.

Priority Area 3: Moderation, Inter-Cultural and Interfaith Dialogue and Harmony **Goals 2.3.1 to 2.3.4**

Goal 2.3.1

- OIC 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. It is the component of the Department of Dialogue and Outreach in the General Secretariat.
- With a view to spreading the right message and debunking the false and extremist narratives, Sawt Al-Hikma launched series of campaigns in social media and produced videos highlighting the Islamic values of tolerance and moderation.
- Sawt Al-Hikma and Hedayah Center organized a Joint Workshop on Countering Violent Extremism on 30 July 2018 at the General Secretariat.
- Contributed to the training workshop under the theme: “The role of education in preventing extremism and Radicalism”, January 29, 2018, in Niamey, Niger.
- Participation in roundtable on “Intercultural Dialogue as tool to Prevent Violent Extremism and Conflicts” organized by the OIC liaison office in Paris on 28 September 2018 in collaboration with UNESCO.
- Dialogue and Outreach Department took part in the 2018 dialogue conference entitled U.S. – Southeast Asia Dialogue: Building Strategic Relationships, held in Jakarta, the Republic of Indonesia from 25-29 July 2018.
- Sawt Al-Hikma undertook studies and produced articles on various topics including Jihad, the concept of the Khilafat, the concept of Bayaa, Islamic State, Tajdeed Al-Deen (Renaissance of Islam), non-Muslims in Islamic Society, Takfir, Islam and Violence, the cost of violent extremism for World, interfaith dialogues and causes of radicalization.

- Sawt Al-Hikma organized a workshop in cooperation with the Global Engagement Center of the US State Department about the techniques of counter messaging, outreach and diction in social media on 6-8 February 2018 at the General Secretariat.
- IRCICA organized congresses and various scholarly activities to foster intercultural and interfaith dialogue including:
 - International Round Table on “Cultural Interactions and the Heritage of Chingiz T. Aitmatov”, Istanbul, 24 March 2018.
 - International congress on “Korea and the Islamic World: Historical and Cultural Encounters”, IRCICA, 24-25 April 2018.
 - International Conference on “Islamic Civilization in West Africa”, Abuja, 19-20 October 2018.

Goal 2.3.2

- General Secretariat (Dialogue and Outreach Department) collaborated with the Alliance of Civilizations on concrete actions in the area of education, youth and media, combating intolerance, stereotypes, prejudices, and discrimination.
- General Secretariat (Dialogue and Outreach Department) developed a plan of action in cooperation with KAICIID to undertake programmes and activities to promote intra-faith, interreligious, intercultural, and inter-civilizational dialogues around the world.
- A consultation meeting was held with the Network of Religious and Traditional Peacemakers on 17 October 2018. Various elements required for a sustained cooperation between the two institutions were elaborated.

Goal 2.3.3

- UNA hosted, on 30 October 2017, the second Meeting of the Committee for the OIC International Prize for the outstanding media outlet and media professional for promoting dialogue, tolerance and intercultural harmony.
- General Secretariat (DHCSA) in cooperation with relevant OIC institutions, UNESCO and the Saudi Commission for Tourism and National Heritage is in the process of establishing the OIC Platform for the Protection of Cultural Heritage in the Muslim World. Meeting of an intergovernmental expert group is expected in early 2019.
- General Secretariat (DHCSA) is in communication with the EU for organizing cultural events in Europe including organizing an International Forum for Peace and Security. A coordination meeting with the EU for this purpose is due to be held soon.

- General Secretariat (DHCSA) has circulated a concept note on the OIC Film Festival and the Film Award to all member states and the relevant OIC institutions. An intergovernmental expert group meeting on this subject is expected in early 2019.
- General Secretariat (DHCSA) has prepared a concept note and a preliminary schedule for the Cultural and Intellectual Season of the OIC, in order to activate international cooperation with the member states through providing series of lectures and activities during the period (September 2018 – June 2019) on important issues in the Muslim World.
- IIFA participated in the International Conference on “Community Security and its Impact on the Unity of the Ummah”, held in April 2018. Research paper on the concept of social security and its importance for development and stability was presented.
- IRCICA continued to organize long-term programs aiming to foster intercultural and inter-regional communications and exchanges in various fields of arts and cultural traditions.
- IRCICA’s 11th International Calligraphy Competition launched in May 2018, to be finalized in 2019.
- IRCICA’s First Southeast Asian Calligraphy Competition, Singapore, 17-20 November 2018.
- Specific projects focusing on heritage under threat in conflict zones, including Syria, Nagorno-Karabagh, Jammu and Kashmir.
- Working meeting of Pakistan committee and IRCICA with report, on cooperation for preservation of cultural heritage in Kashmir, IRCICA, 20 July 2018.
- UNA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ISESCO on 14 February 2018 to enhance cooperation in the respective areas of competence.
- UNA and the Prince Khaled Al Faisal Center for Moderation met on 15 February 2018 and agreed on various aspects of cooperation for promoting tolerance and moderation in Islamic countries.
- The Egyptian Ministry of Culture and UNA met on 18 September 2018 and discussed cooperation in promoting the correct perspective of Islamic culture, Islam and the Muslims.
- UNA provided wide media coverage to the 6th Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions, held in Astana, on October 10-11, 2018 under the theme of “Religious Leaders for a Safe World”.
- Launch of Nakhchivan’s celebration as Islamic Culture Capital for 2018 (Asian Region) by ISESCO on 20 June 2018.

- Establishment of ISESCO Regional Center for Dialogue and Cultural Diversity, in Khartoum. ISESCO participated at the Sixth Baku International Humanitarian Forum 2018, themed “Shaping a New World and a New Humanity: Creativity and Human Development”, Baku on 25-26 October 2018.
- ISESCO is preparing for the Extraordinary Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers in Manama in November 2018.
- Launching of Muharraq’s celebration by ISESCO as the Arab region’s Capital of Islamic Culture for 2018, Manama 28 January 2018.
- ISESCO supported the organization of workshops in Italian Universities on promoting interfaith dialogue, Forum in June 2018.
- ISESCO co-organized Forum of Young Muslim Leadership in Oxford, London on 29 June – 08 July 2018.
- ISESCO participated in the 45th session of the Academy of the Kingdom of Morocco, Rabat, 24-26 April 2018.

Goal 2.3.4

- Efforts are in hand to organize a meeting of OIC Ministers of Religious Affairs to strengthen solidarity among the Islamic Madhaib and promote Islamic values of moderation, tolerance and peaceful co-existence.
- Dialogue and Outreach Department and Political Department in cooperation with KAICIID are planning an initiative to end fighting in the Central African Republic with the involvement of religious and community leaders.
- IIFA is undertaking studies on various topics such as jihad, the concept of succession, the concept of allegiance, the Islamic state, religious revival (Islamic renaissance), non-Muslims in Islamic society, excommunication, Islam and violence, inter-faith dialogue and the causes of radicalization.
- IIFA replies to questions put to it by individuals or institutions on important and sensitive issues, particularly for those residing in areas without qualified Muftis. The IIFA issues its fatwas for these people, based on the Islamic values of tolerance, compassion, tolerance and moderation.
- IIFA is working closely with the OIC Sawt Al-Hikma Centre and providing necessary material on the true message of Islam. Articles written by a number of eminent scholars of the Academy are uploaded on the Sawt Al Hikma website.

- IIFA is preparing for a conference where Sheikh Abdullah Mahfouz Bin Beyh, an eminent scholar and member of the Academy, will give a presentation on: “The role of Ulama in Peace-building in Societies”.

Priority Area 4: Peace and Security
Goals 2.4.1 to 2.4.5

Goal 2.4.1

- General Secretariat (Department of Political Affairs) held an International Ulama Conference to promote peace and security in Afghanistan and elsewhere which was held in Jeddah and Makkah on 11 July 2018.
- General Secretariat organized the meeting of the OIC Contact Group on Friends of Mediation on 25 September 2018 in New York on the sidelines of the 73rd UNGA. The next meeting was held on 28 November 2018 at the General Secretariat.
- OIC holds annual bilateral consultations with various non-member countries including the US, the UK, France, Germany, Switzerland. This mechanism was found very useful for exchange of views on all important issues and strengthening bilateral relations.
- OIC holds regular consultations with various international and regional organisations including the UN, the EU, GCC and the League of Arab States. These consultations help in coordinating positions on issues of mutual interest and benefitting from the expertise of these organisations.

Goal 2.4.2

- General Secretariat (Department of Political Affairs) held the meeting of the OIC Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir in New York on 26 September 2018 on the sidelines of the 73rd UNGA.
- Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) offered financial assistance of US\$ 50,000 to the Kashmiri refugees in health sector.

Goal 2.4.3

- General Secretariat (Department of Political Affairs) held the meeting of the OIC Contact Group on the Aggression of the Republic of Armenia against the Republic of Azerbaijan in New York on 24 September 2018 on the sidelines of the UNGA.

Goal 2.4.4

- General Secretariat addressed communications to the member states urging them to implement the provisions of the resolution adopted by the 45th Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) held in Dhaka on the Situation in Cyprus.

- On the sideline of the 73rd UNGA, the OIC Secretary General met with the Turkish Cypriot Foreign Minister, Mr. Kudret Ozersay and listened to an explanation on the developments of the Cyprus issue and the relevant UN efforts.
- ISF offered financial assistance of US\$ 100,000 to the Ministry of Health of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus to purchase two advanced X-Ray devices.

Goal 2.4.5

- Second OIC conference on mediation, with the cooperation of Turkey is scheduled for 29 November 2018 at Istanbul.
- A new contact group, ‘OIC Friends of Mediation’ has been established. The Contact Group has a wide scope and aspires to build OIC’s capacity in mediation.

Priority Area 5: Environment, Climate Change and Sustainability

Goals 2.5.1 to 2.5.4

Goal 2.5.1

- ICD has approved more than US\$ 100 million funding in the climate change sector during the year. In addition, ICD contributed to the IDFC’s Green Finance Mapping Report 2017, which aims to identify and categorize the financial flows of IDFC members to green energy projects, the adaptation and mitigation of climate change and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.
- The 7th session of the Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers was held at ISESCO headquarters on 25-26 October 2017.
- General Secretariat (Department of Science & Technology) organised a training workshop on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) with emphasis on water treatment plants and the impacts of sewage on the marine environment in partnership with the Regional Authority for the Protection of Environment in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, (PERSGA), in Jeddah on 2-4 April 2018.
- OICC participated in the 26th International Conference on “Environmental Protection as a Life Necessity” which was held in Alexandria on 5-7 May 2018. The conference was organized by the International Scientists Institution in cooperation with the OICC, the Egyptian Standards and Quality Authority, the International Bio Politics Organization and the EU Arab Cooperation Centre.

Goal 2.5.2

- SESRIC established and updated the OIC Statistics Database (OICStat), which provides data on the environmental status of the OIC member states.

- SESRIC organized a Regional Seminar on Innovative Technologies in Water Sector for the achievement of the SDG 6 relating to availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.
- SESRIC has planned 2 statistical outreach programmes on “Environment Statistics” for the benefit of Azerbaijan and Qatar during the year.
- Secretary General of the OICC delivered the keynote address to the International Conference for Green Capitals which was organised by the Municipality of Greater Konya in cooperation with the Turkish Federation of Municipalities, in Konya, Republic of Turkey, from 8 to 12 May 2018.
- OICC participated in the World Conference of the International Council of Local Environment Initiatives (ICLEI, 2018) which was held in Montreal, Canada, on 19-22 June 2018. Its discussions focused on the experiences of the municipalities in the fields of sustainability, use of clean energy, adoption of measures to curb environmental pollution, and adaptability to climate change.
- Given the continued and effective presence of the OICC at regional and international fora, the OICC has been granted advisory status with UN organs, as follows:
 - Advisory Status at the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
 - Advisory Status at the UNIDO
 - Advisory Status at the UNICEF
 - Advisory Status at the UN Department of the Public Information (DPA)
- ISESCO launched Award of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for Environmental Management in the Islamic World (2018-2019 Edition), 02 April 2018.
- ISESCO participated in International Conference on Climate Change Education, Kuala Lumpur, on 7-8 May 2018.
- United Nations / Pakistan / Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water (PSIPW) – 4th International Conference on the Use of Space Technology for Water Management under COMSTECH Inter-Islamic Network on Space Sciences & Technology (ISNET) 26 Feb – 2 March 2018; Islamabad, Pakistan.
- International Workshop on Geomagnetism and Ionosphere; ISNET, 10-17 November 2018; Pakistan.

Goal 2.5.3

- During May 2016 to October 2018, IsDB has approved about US\$ 1.1 billion in financing, benefiting 10 water related projects, worth a total value of US\$ 1.7 billion. In addition to the Bank and government financing, IsDB has been able to mobilize additional resources

for co-financing from other international financial institutions (i.e. AfDB, BADEA, OFID, IFAD, World Bank).

- ICD approved a credit envelope of up to US\$ 75 million to finance the construction and operation of new solar PV independent power projects (IPPs) in Egypt.
- ICD approved and signed a term finance facility in 2017-18 for up to US\$ 30 million in favor of the Shobak Wind Project, a 45MW wind independent power project (IPP) to be built near the town of Shobak, south of Amman, Jordan.
- UNA and the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation of Egypt met on 16 September 2018 to discuss cooperation for training media specialized in the water sector, and ways to raise awareness of the rationalization of water resources in Islamic countries.
- First meeting of OIC Water Council held at Istanbul in November 2017 prepared the draft Implementation Plan of the OIC Water Vision.
- The 4th meeting of the Islamic Conference of Ministers Responsible for Water (ICMW) was held in Cairo, Egypt on 14-16 October 2018.
- The 4th ICMW adopted the Implementation Plan of the OIC Water Vision.
- General Secretariat (Science & Technology Department) is coordinating implementation of related projects with OIC institutions such as ISESCO, IDB and SESRIC.
- The OIC Water Report 2018 was released by SESRIC. It analyses the issues of water availability, water demand, pressure on water resources, water scarcity, water dependency, and the balancing of water use and food production.
- SESRIC, in collaboration with the Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency of Turkey organized a Study Visit on “Disaster Risk Management and Risk Governance” in September 2018 in Ankara, Turkey.
- SESRIC organized a training course on “Flood Risk Management” in October 2018 in Suriname.
- Training Course on “Marine Sonar and Seismic Surveys in the INOC member states” under COMSTECH Inter-Islamic S&T Network Programme (INOC) 15-24 March 2018; Izmir, Turkey.
- Conference on “Understanding the Problems of Inland Waters: Case Study for the Caspian Basin (UPCB)” by INOC 12-14 May 2018, in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Goal 2.5.4

- First meeting of the Steering Committee of the AABRI (UNESCO/ISESCO Arab-African initiative on Biospheres Reserves as Observatory of Climate Change with water as central point), was held in Dakar, Senegal, on 26-27 June 2018 in partnership with the ministries of water and forests of Morocco and Senegal.
- SESRIC and the ISESCO with the collaboration of the University of Jordan organized a Regional Seminar on “Innovative Technologies in Water Sector for the achievement of the SDG 6” on 26-28 June 2018 in Amman, Jordan. 31 Researchers and experts from 15 OIC member states participated in the Seminar.
- COMSTECH organized the International Summer School (Round 2) Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM), August 27-31, 2018, COMSTECH, Islamabad.
- COMSTECH organized the International Summer School on Managing Shared River Basins: Connecting Science & Policy for Integrated Water Resources Management, 02–06 July 2018, COMSTECH, Islamabad.
- COMSTECH financially supported the Conference on Understanding the problems of inland waters: case study for the Caspian basin (UPCB), 12-14 May 2018, Baku-Azerbaijan.
- SESRIC held a training course on “Watershed and River Systems Management” in Gambia from 17-18 July 2018.
- ISESCO held a training workshop on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) with emphasis on water treatment plants and the impacts of sewage on the marine environment, was organized in partnership with the Regional Authority for the Protection of Environment in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, (PERSGA), in Jeddah on 2-4 April 2018.
- ISESCO held a regional conference on “Financing water-related adaptation projects for implementation of NDCs and SDGs: Challenges, Opportunities”- was organized in collaboration with UNESCO, UNICEF and GWP-MED, in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Nouakchott, on 24 - 25 April 2018.
- SESRIC held a training course on “Flood Risk Management” on 17-18 October 2018 in coordination with the Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs, Turkey.
- In the fields of Biological Resources, Water and Food Security, COMSTECH provided a total of US\$ 79,971 to 14 researchers from Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d’Ivoire, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan and Senegal in 2018.

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Priority Area 6: Poverty Alleviation
Goals 2.6.1 to 2.6.5

Goal 2.6.1

- ISESCO organized a workshop on providing Financial and Technical Support to Women Entrepreneurs in Tchad, Togo and Burkina Faso in December 2017.
- ISFD gives priority to projects and programs that form the core poverty reduction efforts. Two overarching themes defined the focus of the ISFD’s project and grant financing in 2017: (a) ensuring that these activities create additional jobs and employment for the target groups; and (b) promoting human development through education and health support. Total approvals of the ISFD in 2017 amounted to US\$175.6 million, comprising US\$55.0 million for projects, and US\$120.6 million for grants.
- Under the COMCEC Project Funding, Indonesia implemented the project on “Improving the Single Window Service System for Social Protection and Poverty Reduction in the OIC Countries” with partner countries namely, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Azerbaijan.
- The 7th Session of the Ministerial Conference on Women’s Role in the Development of OIC member states welcomed the initiative of the Family Bank and recommended that the ICCIA submit the revised Concept Paper at the next Session scheduled for 30 November to 1 December 2018 in Burkina Faso.
- ICD has approved 44 projects in 18 countries at a value of US\$ 931 million during the year.

Goal 2.6.2

- ICDT in collaboration with the Embassy of the Republic of Gabon organized a Moroccan-Gabonese Business Forum on the premises of the Embassy of the Republic of Gabon in Rabat, on 14- 15 September 2017.
- ICDT organized the Third National Forum for Single Windows under the theme “Virtual Single Windows: Challenges and Opportunities for Competitiveness of Economic Operators” on 12 December 2017 in Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco.
- ICDT plans to organize a workshop on handicraft market in the OIC member states in Cote d’Ivoire in collaboration with the Ministry of Commerce, Handicraft and SMEs Promotion in margin of the OIC Social and Solidarity Economy in Abidjan during 2018.

- ICDT hosted a meeting between Tunisian date exporters and Moroccan date importers, on 19 December 2017 at the Business Center of the ICDT in Casablanca.
- ICIEC held a Private-Public dialogue on “The role of ECAs and Banks in securing domestic and regional Trade Flows on 03 April 2018 at Tunis.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between SESRIC and MARKA (East Marmara Development Agency of Turkey) on 09 August 2018 in Kocaeli, Turkey to further enhance collaboration between the two institutions in the areas of economy, trade and development of human capital.

Goal 2.6.3

- SESRIC has scheduled 6 statistical outreach programmes from January – December 2018 on Living Conditions, Poverty and Cross-Cutting Social Issues for the benefit of Azerbaijan.
- SESRIC organized the statistics course on ‘Sustainable Development Statistics’ on 6-8 March 2018 for the benefit of the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI) of Oman.
- SESRIC launched the report on 10 May 2018 on “Results of the Tendency Survey on SDG Priorities of OIC Member Countries”. The Report was submitted to the 34th Meeting of the Follow-up Committee of the COMCEC.
- SESRIC prepared an outlook report in November 2018 titled “The Challenge of Implementing SDG-16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions) in OIC Countries”. The report evaluates the current state of affairs in OIC countries in relation to this goal.

Goal 2.6.4

- ICD advised the Finoko and the FinDev, two Non-Banking financial institutions, on establishing Islamic microfinance windows and introducing new shariah compliant products in Azerbaijan. The scope of their work included legal, human resources, IT, accounting, marketing and communication support.
- ICCIA plans to hold specialized Workshops/Training Programs during 2018 and the first half of 2019:
 - Promotion of Cottage Industries through SMEs
 - Scaling-up existing Enterprises through Skills Development
 - Exploring destinations for Health Tourism
 - Workshop on Promoting Green Growth and Technology in Food-Water and Energy Nexus for OIC Countries – Challenges and Opportunities.
 - Chambers of Commerce Forum for OIC.

- ICDT has prepared Guidelines to facilitate setting up Single Windows in OIC member states. The first draft was presented to Arab countries in Dubai workshop. ICDT will organize two additional workshops for the benefit of the French and English-speaking countries in Casablanca and Turkey in 2018.
- ICDT in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of TRNC and SESRIC, organized a Regional training workshop on “Export strategies for primo-exporters of OIC member states” in Girne, TRNC, from 5- 7 December, 2017.

Goal 2.6.5

- ICDT and the Saudi Al Harity Company organized the 11th Exhibition of Agribusiness Industries in the OIC member states on 20-23 March 2018 at Jeddah.
- ICDT, ITFC and ATU organized the Business Forum between Agadir Agreement Countries and West African Countries on 10-11 May 2018 in Casablanca. Meetings were held in specific sectors with high business potential, including agri-business, pharmaceuticals, cotton/textiles and leather / skins.
- Within the framework of collaboration with the International Trade Center (ITC-Geneva), ICDT has launched the OIC Trade Embedded Map, which provides trade flow information about 57 OIC member states in a user friendly and easily accessible format.
- OIC Trade Embedded Map provides the location, contact details, turnover, number of employees and the Website address of a selection of companies exporting, importing, distributing, producing or supplying specific products or services in a country of interest.
- COMCEC held a Forum on improving the Role of Eximbanks in OIC member states on 19-24 November 2017 at Istanbul, Turkey.

Priority Area 7: Trade, Investment and Finance

Goal 2.7

i) Intra-OIC Trade & Investment

- ICDT organized a Training Workshop on “Trade Preferential System among the member states of the Organization (TPS/OIC)” at Jakarta on 13-14 September 2017.
- ICDT and ITFC organized with the Kingdom of Morocco the Third Forum of Trade Promotion Organs (TPOs) of the OIC member states, 11-12 October 2017, Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco.
- ICDT in cooperation with SMIIC and the Republic of Turkey in Organized the “5th OIC Halal Expo” in Istanbul on 23-25 November 2017. This Exhibition, gathered the players of the Halal industry in quest of business and partnership opportunities in the OIC member states.

- SMIIIC Training Program 2017 was held on 11-16 December 2017 in Istanbul, Turkey with the participation of 25 delegates from 14 SMIIIC member states with the support of the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC) and Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) to train experts from SMIIIC member states on the procedures for adoption, implementation and use of the OIC/SMIIIC series of 3 Halal Standards, SMIIIC Information System (IS) and Technical Committee (TC) work.
- The ICCIA in collaboration with the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce & Industry organized a Plenary Session on the “The Development of Halal Economy for OIC Countries” in Jakarta, Indonesia on 23 October 2018. In addition, the Islamic Chamber has also been organizing Sector-wise Commodity Exchange Forums and Business Leadership Workshops.
- Islamic Center for Development of Trade (ICDT) held the Third Meeting of Trade and Investment Sub-Committee of ACMOI (TISC), in Marrakesh on 8-9 March 2018. The objective of TISC is to design and implement integrated projects that include specific activities and deliverables in the areas of strategic commodities, halal industry, trade facilitation, investment promotion, SMEs Development for enhancing intra-OIC Trade.
- The TISC at the next ACMOI Meeting to be held in Jeddah on 3-4 December 2018 will present a detailed report on its activities.
- ICDT in collaboration with Kuwait International Fair Company organized an exceptional edition of the Trade Fair of the OIC member states at Kuwait on 6-10 February 2018.
- ICDT organized a regional training Seminar on “TPS/OIC Agreement and its protocols for the benefit of executives of the Republic of Sudan and member states of COMESA in collaboration with COMCEC, ICCIA and the Ministry of Commerce of Sudan on 17-18 December 2018 .
- ICDT and SMIIIC in collaboration with the Turkish company “Discover Events” organized the 6th OIC Halal Exhibition on 29 November- 2 December 2018 at Istanbul.
- ICDT in cooperation with COMCEC, General Secretariat and the Kingdom of Morocco organised a “Workshop on Non-Tariff Barriers among the OIC member states” on 24-25 October 2017 at Rabat.
- ICDT in collaboration with IDB Group organized a workshop on Post-WTO Eleventh Ministerial Conference (MC11) for the Arab and Asian member states on 19-20 November 2018 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- These institutions plan to organize a workshop on International Investment Agreements for the benefit of representatives of OIC IPAs in Casablanca on 18-20 December 2018.

- IsDB organized various activities in 2018 for promotion of Trade, Technical Assistance Program for Regional and Global Integration (TAP) and Regional Cooperation and Integration (RCI) including:
 - A working paper on the practical options for increasing trade coordination with ICDT.
 - Regional implementation of the trade facilitation agreement – Guyana and Suriname
 - A study to support Senegal to elaborate National Export Review
 - Workshops on WTO Agenda and its impact on OIC member countries
 - Commercialization Study for the Kazakhstan-Turkmenistan-Iran (KTI) Railroad
 - Commercialization Study for the Trans-Saharan Road (TSR) to kick off in 2018
 - The GIS Initiative – the first phase of a Geographic information System (GIS) for mapping of regional connectivity networks. It covers regional networks, inter-country corridors and trade flows in 11 OIC member countries in the Euro-Asia region.
- IIFA is part of the SMIIC Technical Committee working on Halal standards and specifications.
- The Global South-South Development Expo (GSSD Expo) for the year 2018 will be held in New York on 28-30 November 2018 and shall publish a specialized publication on the ICCIA’s activities for developing the OIC countries on this occasion.
- COMCEC Trade Working Group held its 11th meeting on March 7-8, 2018 in Ankara with the theme of “Facilitating Trade: Improving Customs Risk Management Systems in the OIC member states.
- COMCEC Trade Working Group held its 12th meeting on November 6th, 2018 in Ankara with the theme of “Improving Authorized Economic Operators Programs in the OIC member states”. Three field visit case studies, namely Jordan, Turkey and Uganda were conducted.
- COMCEC Trade Outlook 2018 has been prepared for exploring the global trends and current situation in trade area in the OIC member countries.
- Under the COMCEC Project Funding, the following actions were taken:
 - Feasibility Study on the Interoperability of Selected Single Window System in the OIC member states was implemented by Morocco with Tunisia and Cameroon aiming at facilitating interoperability among the single window systems of these countries.
 - Nigeria implemented the project titled “Boosting Intra-OIC Trade through Improvement of Trade Facilitation Measures in the OIC member countries” with Morocco and Indonesia.

- Sudan implemented the project on “Strengthening Institutional Capacity for Single Window Systems in the OIC member states” with Jordan, Morocco, Turkey and Uganda and Turkey.
- SMIIIC’s project on ‘Harmonization of National Halal Standards with the OIC/SMIIIC Halal Standards’ was implemented in 21 member states.
- SESRIC and the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aiming to boost cooperation between the two organisations on 16 January 2018 in Tehran, Iran in the fields of training, data collection and analysis, trade, development and the dissemination of knowledge.
- SESRIC and the Islamic Chamber Research and Information Centre (ICRIC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 16 January 2018 in Tehran, Iran to reinforce their collaborative efforts in the fields of trade, SMEs and economic issues.
- SESRIC organized the statistics course on “International Trade Statistics” on 25-27 March 2018 for the benefit of the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) of Sudan.
- SESRIC signed Statement of Intent on 28 June 2018 on the theme of private sector’s engagement in South-South Cooperation with partners including United Nations Development Programme Istanbul International Center for Private Sector in Development (UNDP IICPSD) and the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) in Istanbul, Turkey.
- SESRIC has scheduled 2 statistical outreach programmes on “Government Finance, Fiscal and Public Sector Statistics” for the benefit of Chad and Oman from September to December 2018.
- SESRIC organized International Summer School and Workshop on “Applied Industrial Policy (& Beyond); Theory, Empirics and Instruments for Effective Policy Design” in collaboration with the Center for Industrial Policy and Development of Istanbul Commerce University, UNCTAD and the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) on 04-05 September 2018 in Istanbul, Turkey.
- OIC Economic Outlook 2018 issued in October 2018 analyses the trends of major economic indicators in the OIC member countries, as a group, during the latest five-year period for which the data are available.
- The outlook report titled “State of Public Finance in OIC Member Countries” investigates the current situation and recent trends in the public finance of the OIC member countries..
- SESRIC has planned a statistical outreach programme in December 2018 “International Trade and Balance of Payment” for the benefit of Tajikistan.

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- ICDT and SMIIC co-organized the 5th Exhibition of the Halal Products of the OIC member states at Istanbul on 23- 25 November 2017.
- CIBAFI has organized the following international events to raise awareness on Islamic Finance, for the period 2017-2018.
- 23 November 2017, 4th Mediterranean Islamic Finance Forum: “Focus on Strategies for Mediterranean & Africa”, Barcelona, Spain.
- 6 March 2018, Public Lecture on “Participation Finance – The Steady Way From Niche to Mainstream”, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 4 April 2018, Public Lecture on “UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Role of Islamic Finance”, Tunis, Tunisia.
- 2-3 May 2018, CIBAFI Global Forum 2018 “The New Face of Financial Services: Disruptions, Opportunities and the New Normals”, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2 October 2018, CIBAFI – World Bank Conference on “Corporate Governance of Islamic Financial Institutions: Overcoming Challenges and Implementing Best Practices”, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- CIBAFI engages with international standard setting organizations, both conventional and Islamic, to highlight challenges the industry is facing and implications of regulatory requirements to their business operations. In this regard, CIBAFI’s activities include:
- 5 October 2017, CIBAFI submitted comments to the Accounting and Auditing Organisation for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI) on its Exposure Draft of Financial Accounting Standard No.30: “Impairment and Credit Losses”.
- 24 October 2017, CIBAFI Submitted Comments to the AAOIFI on its Exposure Draft of Financial Accounting Standard (FAS) No.31: “Investment Agency” (Al-Wakala Bi Al-Istithmar).
- 31 October 2017, CIBAFI Submitted Comments to the BCBS on the Consultative Document on “Sound Practices: Implications of fintech developments for banks and bank supervisors”.
- 14 December 2017, CIBAFI Submitted Comments to the AAOIFI on Financial Accounting Standard (FAS) No.34: “Financial Reporting for Sukuk-holders”.

- 5 March 2018, CIBAFI submitted comments to the AAOIFI on its Exposure Draft of the AAOIFI Governance Standard No.10: “Shariah Compliance and Fiduciary Ratings for Islamic Finance Institutions”.
- 20 March 2018, CIBAFI submitted comments on the Basel Committee’s Consultative Document: “Stress Testing Principles”.
- 14 May 2018, CIBAFI submitted its comments to the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) on the Consultative Document on “Pillar 3 disclosure requirements – updated framework”.
- 27 May 2018, CIBAFI submitted comments to the Islamic Financial Services Board (IFSB) on the Exposure Draft No.22: “Revised Standard on Disclosures to Promote Transparency and Market Discipline for Institutions Offering Islamic Financial Services.
- 28 June 2018, CIBAFI submitted its comments to the Accounting & Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI) on the Revised Financial Accounting Standard No. 25: “Investments in Sukuk, shares and similar instruments”.
- CIBAFI has organized the following initiatives during 2017-2018, in the OIC member states, that served as a platform for experience sharing and capacity building:
 - 7-8 November 2017, CIBAFI – Ivey Business School Executive Programme on Strategic Thinking, Innovation and Corporate Entrepreneurship and Change Leadership, Manama, Bahrain.
 - 22-23 November 2017, Technical Workshop on Products Development and Financial Engineering for Islamic Financial Institutions (IFIs) in Barcelona, Spain.
 - 8-10 January 2018, CIBAFI Technical Workshop on Stress Testing for Islamic Financial Institutions (IFIs), Khartoum, Sudan.
 - 21-22 March 2018, CIBAFI Technical Workshop on Liquidity Management Tools for Islamic Financial Institutions (IFIs), Dhaka, Bangladesh.
 - 4-6 April 2018, Technical Workshop on Products Development and Financial Engineering for Islamic Financial Institutions (IFIs) in Tunis, Tunisia.
 - 7-9 May 2018, CIBAFI - Ivey Business School Executive Programme on Exponential Strategy and Leadership Programme, Khartoum, Sudan.
 - 25-30 June 2018, CIBAFI Pilot Programme on Certified Islamic Banker, Dakar, Senegal.
 - 3-8 September 2018, CIBAFI Pilot Programme on Certified Islamic Banker, Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire.

- 17-19 September 2018, Technical Workshop on Products Development and Financial Engineering for Islamic Financial Institutions (IFIs) in Amman, Jordan.
- IRTI organized various training activities during the period under review which included:
- Islamic Banking Supervision, 7-11 January, 2018 at Amman (Jordan).
- Islamic Banking and Finance, in cooperation with ITFC at Jeddah
- Introduction to Islamic Trade Finance, 10-12 February 2018 in cooperation with ITFC at Jeddah.
- Advance Islamic Banking and Finance, 3-5 May 2018, in cooperation with ITFC at Jeddah.
- World Islamic Finance Forum, 18-20 March 2018, Karachi, Pakistan.
- International Executive Program in Islamic Finance, 19-22 March, 2018 at Jeddah.
- Financing Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)-Islamic Perspective, 6-10 May 2018, Abu Dhabi.
- Islamic Capital Market, 24-28 June 2018 at Male, Maldives.
- SMIIIC Training Program 2018 was held on 16-20 July 2018 in Istanbul, Turkey and was funded by the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC) under the project titled “Harmonization of National Halal Standards with the OIC/SMIIIC Halal Standards.
- SMIIIC will be co-organizing the 2018 WHS Istanbul and the 6th OIC Halal Expo in collaboration with ICDT on 29 November – 02 December 2018 in Istanbul, Turkey.
- SMIIIC organized two Technical Committee (TC) Weeks in 2018 to provide a platform for standards development work. Six technical committees have completed their business plans and are working on the development of new standards and/or revisions.
- New OIC/SMIIIC standards OIC/SMIIIC 4: 2018 Halal Cosmetics-General Requirements (27 February 2018) have been published.
- COMCEC Financial Cooperation Working Group met on 29 March 2018 with the theme of “The Role of Sukuk in Islamic Capital Markets”. Field visits were conducted to four countries namely Indonesia, Malaysia, Nigeria and Turkey.
- COMCEC Financial Cooperation Working Group met on 25 October 2018 with the theme of “Islamic Fund Management”. Case studies conducted for Malaysia, Pakistan and Morocco.

- Under the COMCEC Project Funding, the project titled “Training and Guidelines on Sukuk Issuance” was implemented by Nigeria with two partners, Gambia and Togo. A training program and a workshop was also organized in Nigeria.
- Under the COMCEC Project Funding, Turkey implemented the project “Improving Financial Consumer Protection in the OIC Countries” with the participation of 12 member countries.
- SESRIC in collaboration with the Representative Office of OIC in the State of Palestine organized a training course on “Islamic Microfinance” on 8-9 January 2018 in Ramallah, Palestine.
- SESRIC facilitated the participation of National Statistical Offices of OIC member countries in the Statistical Seminar on “Survey Design and Implementation” which was held on 8-12 October 2018 in Istanbul – Turkey.
- SESRIC co-organized meeting of the Working Group on the Task Force for Islamic Finance in collaboration with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA) on 31 October – 02 November 2018 in Ankara, Turkey.
- SESRIC organized an “International Symposium on Financing for Development” on 22-23 November 2018. The Symposium was aimed at identifying the opportunity for innovative financing mechanism, including Islamic finance instruments with a particular focus on OIC member countries.

Priority Area 8: Agriculture and Food Security

Goals 2.8.1 to 2.8.6

Goal 2.8.1

- COMCEC Agriculture Working Group met on 22 February 2018 in Ankara with the theme of “Improving Agricultural Market Performance: Developing Agricultural Market Information Systems”. Field visits were conducted in Egypt, Indonesia and Uganda.
- COMCEC Agriculture Working Group met on 20 September 2018 with the theme of “Analysis of Agri-food Trade Structures to Promote Agri-food Trade Networks among the Member Countries”. Three field visit case studies, namely Bangladesh, Cameroon and Morocco were conducted.
- COMCEC Agriculture Outlook 2018 was prepared for exploring global trends and current situation in agriculture domain in the OIC member countries.

Goal 2.8.2

- IsDB during its Board of Governors meeting at Tunis in April 2018, announced support financing (US\$ 415 million) of the Regional Rice Value Chain Program (RRVCP) for ten

countries during 2018-2019. The program covers 2 groups. Group 1 include Gambia, Guinea, Niger, Senegal, and Sierra Leone in 2018 while Group 2, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Mali and Sudan, will be covered in 2019.

- IsDB has developed regional soil fertility mapping project for West Africa. This regional Project covers 6 countries; Cote d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Guinea, Mali, Senegal, Sierra Leone with total investment of US\$ 12 million. The project is a necessary introductory step to address the soil fertility issues in the region.
- SESRIC organized a training course on “Design and Engineering of Hydroponic Greenhouse” for experts from Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock, Afghanistan in October 2018.

Goal 2.8.3

- SESRIC organized a 3-day training course on “Development of Sustainable Transgenic Technology, Commercialization and Post-release Monitoring” within the framework of the OIC Cotton Training Programme (OIC-CTP) in Ankara, Turkey on 8-10 May 2018.
- SESRIC organized a training course on “Cultivation of Vineyard and Horticultural Crops” in December 2018 in Male, Maldives.

Goal 2.8.4

- IsDB is in the process of developing agricultural development project (US\$ 24 million) for Burkina Faso. Its objective is to reduce rural household poverty and food insecurity through increased agricultural production, productivity and commercialization.
- SESRIC supported Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) through sharing of its accumulated experience in the methodology for computation of the proposed scale of contribution for its member countries as well as formulation of Annual Operational Work Plan in June 2018.

Goal 2.8.5

- Under COMCEC Project Funding, the project titled “Developing Agricultural Market Information System for Horticulture Farmers” was implemented by Indonesia and the partner countries namely, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Egypt, Pakistan and Jordan.
- Turkey, under the COMCEC Project Funding, is implementing the project titled “Improving Agricultural Irrigation Extension Service with the participation of Morocco and Tunisia.
- SESRIC has scheduled 6 statistical outreach programmes from September – November 2018 on “Agricultural Census”, Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries Statistics” and “Business and Agricultural Censuses and Registers” for the benefit of Bangladesh, Brunei, Indonesia, Niger, Nigeria and UAE.

Goal 2.8.6

- SESRIC organized a training course on “Genotyping by Sequencing Analysis” within the framework of OIC Cotton Training Programme (OIC-CTP) on 5-7 March 2018, in Bursa, Turkey.
- SESRIC has drafted programme of action for three strategic commodities, namely, Wheat, Rice and Cassava. Upon finalization, these documents will be submitted to the OIC Agriculture Ministers Conference to be convened during the next year.

Priority Area 9: Employment, Infrastructure and Industrialization

Goal 2.9

i) Industry

- OIC Labour Report issued in November 2017 contains a detailed account of labour market conditions and the fundamental problems and challenges facing the labour markets in the OIC countries.
- SESRIC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) on 27 November 2017 to promote greater use of UNOSSC strategies and practices for development planning.
- SESRIC organized a thematic solution forum on “Women as Benefactors of Development through Social Entrepreneurship” as part of Global South-South Development EXPO (GSSD EXPO) on 28 November 2017 in Antalya, Turkey.
- SESRIC as an implementing partner of the EXPO together with Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) and the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States (Turkic Council) contributed to the GSSD Expo 2017.
- A Declaration of Intent (DoI) was signed on 8 December 2017 between SESRIC, Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA), National Occupation Health Office (ONMT) of Mauritania for improving occupational safety and health conditions in Mauritania.
- IsDB (Public Private Partnership Division) has been mandated to provide financing to non-sovereign projects in infrastructure. Total exposure as at June 30, 2018 of non-sovereign lending operations reached US\$ 2.7 billion. Utilities including power generation, materials and financial sectors have the highest shares in the portfolio.

ii) Transport

- In collaboration with Union Postale Universelle (UPU) and La Poste Tunisienne, SESRIC organized a workshop on “Electronic postal payment services for the Arab region” on 13-14 December 2017, in Tunis, Tunisia.

- COMCEC Transport and Communications Working Group met on 15 March 2018 in Ankara with the theme of “Governance of Transport Corridors in OIC member states: Challenges, Cases and Policy Lessons”. Current governance practices of seven corridors in the OIC member countries namely; Abidjan-Lagos Corridor (ALC), Northern Corridor, Maputo Corridor Logistics Initiative, Transport Corridor Europe-Caucasus-Asia (TRACECA), UNESCAP Central Corridor, ASEAN Maritime Corridor, UN ESCWA-M40 and Jordan Transit Corridor were examined.
- COMCEC Transport and Communications Working Group met on 11 October 2018, in Ankara with the theme of “Planning of National Transport Infrastructure in the OIC Member States”. Case studies of Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Uganda, Senegal, Qatar, and Oman were conducted.
- Transport and Communications Outlook of COMCEC 2018 was prepared for exploring the global trends and current situation in this sector in the OIC member countries.
- Under the COMCEC Project Funding, the following actions were taken:
 - The Gambia implemented the project, “Analysis of the Road Database Management Systems in the Selected OIC Countries” with Senegal and Nigeria as partner countries.
 - Iran is implementing the project titled “Feasibility Study of Iran-Caucasus Transport Corridor” with the partner countries Azerbaijan and Turkey.
 - Jordan is implementing the project titled “the Feasibility Study for Reconstructing the Old Hejaz Railway Line” with the partner countries Iraq and Turkey.
 - Nigeria is implementing the project, titled “Promoting the Use of Broadband in Research and Education among the OIC Member States” in partnership with Malaysia, the Gambia and Turkey.
- SESRIC scheduled 2 statistical outreach programmes on “Transport Statistics” for the benefit of Malaysia and Palestine in September and November 2018.

iii) **Energy**

- ICDT in collaboration with the Ministries of Energy, Environment and Sustainable Development of the Republic of Senegal and the Moroccan National Agency for Renewable Energies organized the 1st Exhibition on Green Economy of the OIC member states on 26-29 October 2017 at the International Centre of Foreign Trade of Senegal.
- Due to scaling down of operational budget in 2018, only one energy project namely a wind farm power project has been approved to date in Jordan amounting to US\$ 56 million.

- In 2017 IsDB approved two power (utility projects) projects, one in Bangladesh for US\$ 60 million and one (along with six sub-projects) in Egypt for US\$ 75,235,500. The financing agreement was signed on 27 May 2018.
- ICD extended long-term finance facilities to greenfield infrastructure projects, mainly clean energy (solar and wind power) and healthcare, totaling US\$ 132.9 million during the year.
- SMIIC published new OIC/SMIIC 19:2018 ISO 50001:2011 Energy management system – Requirements with guidance for use on 02 August 2018.
- SESRIC organized a statistics course on “Energy Statistics” on 5-7 February 2018 for the benefit of Azerbaijan, and the course was provided by Iran.
- SESRIC scheduled 3 statistical outreach programmes on Energy Statistics during October –December 2018 for the benefit of Guyana, Mauritania and Qatar.

*iv) **Tourism***

- COMCEC Tourism Working Group met on 15 February 2018 in Ankara with the theme of “Destination Development and Institutionalization Strategies in the OIC Member Countries”. Three field visits to Azerbaijan, UAE and Turkey were conducted.
- COMCEC Tourism Working Group met on 13 September 2018 in Ankara with the theme of “Destination Marketing Strategies in the OIC Member Countries”. Three field visits were conducted to Mozambique, Lebanon and Turkey.
- COMCEC Tourism Outlook 2018 exploring the global trends and current situation in tourism sector was published.
- Under the COMCEC Project Funding the following actions were taken:
 - The project titled “Strengthening the Resilience of Tourism Sector against Crises through Communication” was implemented by Burkina Faso.
 - Training on Crisis Communication in Tourism for the Selected OIC member countries in which 25 trainees from Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Mauritania and Senegal were trained.
 - The project titled “the Community-Based Tourism through the Promotion of Heritage Sites for Poverty Alleviation” was implemented by Mozambique with the partnership of Sudan, Malaysia, Gambia and Uganda.

- SESRIC implemented a project called “Improving Islamic Tourism Ecosystem in OIC Member Countries: Destination and Industry Development” as a continuation of the COMCEC funded project.
- ICCIA has prepared a portal on Islamic Tourism, which was launched on 20 October 2017. The portal will facilitate in increasing public awareness about the tourist attractions, resources and facilities in the Islamic world with a view to encouraging tourism to Islamic countries by providing full information to potential visitors.
- ICDT presented its Study during the Training program on “Improving Islamic Tourism Ecosystem in OIC Member Countries: Destination and Industry Development” organized by SESRIC on 9-12 July 2018 in Malatya, Turkey.
- SMIIIC attended the Tenth Session of the Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers (ICTM) at Dhaka, (06-07 February 2018) and is developing Halal Tourism – General Requirements in Technical Committee 5. The document is now a Working Draft and in the process of finalization as a new standard.
- SESRIC in cooperation with COMCEC organized a project on Muslim Friendly Tourism (MFT), under the theme “Improving Islamic Tourism Ecosystem in OIC Member Countries: Destination and Industry Development” on 9-12 July 2018 in Malatya, Turkey.
- SESRIC has scheduled 2 courses on “Tourism Statistics” for the benefit of Bangladesh and Iran during September-November 2018.
- SESRIC scheduled a course on “Tourism Statistics” for the benefit of Brunei on 27-29 November 2018.
- SESRIC planned a statistical outreach programmes in December 2018 on “Mining, Manufacturing, Construction Statistics” for the benefit of the Gambia and Qatar.

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

- SESRIC in pursuance of the third Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers submitted OIC Labour Market Strategy in February 2018.
- SESRIC organized a workshop on digital transformation and diversification of postal services on 26-28 June 2018, in Tunis, Tunisia, in collaboration with Universal Postal Union (UPU) and La Poste Tunisienne.
- SESRIC and ISESCO jointly organized a Workshop on “The Role of Crafts in Developing Community-based Economics in the Member States” on 16-18 October 2018, in Ankara, Republic of Turkey.

- SESRIC organized a workshop on Reform and Development in the postal services on 5-9 November 2018, in Tunis, Tunisia, in collaboration with Universal Postal Union (UPU) and La Poste Tunisienne.
- SESRIC organized a workshop on Electronic Postal Payment Service on 5-6 December 2018, in Tunis, Tunisia, in collaboration with Universal Postal Union (UPU) and La Poste Tunisienne.
- SESRIC organized 3 statistical outreach programmes (1 technical mission, 1 study visit and 1 statistics course) on “Labour Statistics” and “Labour Cost Statistics” for the benefit of Sudan, Saudi Arabia and Mauritania in January – February 2018.
- ICDT in collaboration with UNCTAD, ICIEC and SESRIC organized a workshop on Obstacles and Solutions to Investment in Africa in Geneva on 23rd October 2018 on the sidelines of the World Investment Forum 2018.
- SESRIC scheduled 6 statistical outreach programmes on “Labour Statistics”, “Labour Cost Statistics” and “Social Protection Statistics” for the benefit of Cameroon, Tajikistan, Libya, Maldives and Egypt from October – December 2018.
- SESRIC scheduled 2 statistical outreach programmes on “Entrepreneurship Statistics” for the benefit of Gabon and Iraq from September – October 2018.
- ICIEC organized various important events during late 2017 and 2018 which included:
 - Afro-Arab Trade Finance Forum on 21 December 2017 at Dubai, UAE
 - Africa 2017 Forum on 7-9 November 2017 at Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt
 - Financing Investment & Trade in Africa on 6-7 February 2018 at Tunis, Tunisia
 - Tunisia Libyan Economic Forum on 27-28 September 2018 at Tunis, Tunisia
 - Astana Islamic Economy Forum on 3-5 July 2018 at Astana, Kazakhstan
 - International Takaful Summit on 10-11 July 2018 at London

vi) **Entrepreneurship and SME’s Development**

- ICCIA has been organizing Businesswomen Forums, Workshops, Training Programs and Exhibitions that has led to the setting up of a Family Bank in Sudan with a capital of US\$ 35 Million. The Bank’s portfolio provides micro-financing on Sharia terms for start-ups, productive families, women and youth.

- ICDT in collaboration with the Saudi Society Al Harithy Company for Exhibitions organized the 2nd edition of the Exhibition of Furniture and Interior Design of the OIC member states on 13 -16 March 2018, at the Jeddah Centre for Forums and Events.
- TOBB and the ICCIA hosted two Task Force Meetings on setting-up of the ICCIA affiliated OIC Arbitration Center in Istanbul. The 1st Meeting was held on 13 April 2018 and the 2nd Meeting was held on 9 July 2018. The Task Force has reviewed the proposed statute of the Center and is in the process of finalizing the project.
- ITFC in consultation with its local partners in Indonesia has prepared “Five Years Business Plan for Coffee Farmers Training Center”. As part of this program, ITFC launched an ambitious training program for the coffee farmers in 2018.
- ITFC has developed a project (US\$ 20 million) for capacity building of partner financial institutions as well as SMEs, support in loan acquiring procedures, and placement of trade finance lines in partner banks. The Program’s implementation agreement was signed on 5 October 2018 in Burkina Faso.
- In collaboration with Universal Postal Union (UPU) and La Poste Tunisienne, SESRIC organized a workshop on “Operational readiness for the Arab region” on 2-6 April 2018, in Tunis, Tunisia.
- SESRIC and the Agency for Technical Assistance and Cooperation in Tunisia (ATCT) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 3 April 2018 to implement development programs and projects in the framework of bilateral, triangular and south-south cooperation in partnership with other institutions.
- SESRIC, in collaboration with the Directorate General of Occupational Health and Safety (DGOHS) and the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) organised a Senior Experts Meeting preparatory to the 4th Meeting of the OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network (OIC-OSHNET) on 11-13 April 2018 in Ankara, Turkey.
- SESRIC co-chaired the Coordination and Cooperation Forum on Occupational Safety and Health (OSH)” on 6 May 2018 in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey.
- Upon the invitation of the OIC International Business Center of Malaysia, ICDT participated in the Launching Ceremony of the 9th Muslim World Biz and Muslim Entrepreneurs Development Award 2018 held in Langkawi, Malaysia, on 3 November 2018.
- SESRIC organized the First Meeting of Joint Monitoring Group (JMG) of the Capacity Development Project on “Improving Occupation Safety and Health in Mauritania” on 18-20 June 2018 in partnership with Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) and the General Directorate of Occupational Health and Safety of Turkey.

Priority Area 10: Science, Technology and Innovation (ST&I)
Goal 2.10

Goal 2.10

- Senior Officials of the Ministry of Research, Technology and Higher Education of Indonesia paid a study visit to Turkey on 6-10 November 2017 to familiarize themselves with Science and Technology Parks (STPs) in Turkey, which was jointly facilitated by SESRIC and IDB Turkey Country Gateway Office.
- SESRIC organized a working group meeting on “Certification and Modular Training Programs” which was held on 19-20 November 2017, in Ankara, Turkey.
- SESRIC organized Working group meeting on “TVET- Teacher Education” which was held on 15-16 November 2017, in Ankara, Turkey.
- UNA organized a training session on the “scientific press” at the UNA Training Center, on 19-20 September 2017, with the participation of more than 20 journalists from the national news agencies, and media houses of the OIC countries.
- COMSTECH is working on finalizing the OIC implementation plan for the OIC STI agenda that would set the priorities and strategies for strengthening STI capabilities of the OIC countries.
- OIC organs including SESRIC, COMSTECH, ISESCO are holding conferences and meetings for promotion of science, technology and innovation in the member states.
- SESRIC organized a meeting of the working group on Qualification and Quality Assurance System and Occupational Standards which was held on 24-25 May 2018, in Ankara, Turkey.
- SESRIC co-hosted a delegation from the Ministry of Higher Education of Sudan for a 5-day study visit in Ankara and Istanbul, between 28 March – 03 April 2018, to learn from the Turkish expertise in financing applied scientific research in industrial and social areas.
- SESRIC organized the 2nd Workshop on Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in OIC member states on 5-6 September 2018 in Ankara, Turkey.
- The Expert Group Meeting on Digital Transformation was organized by SESRIC in cooperation with the Africa City of Technology (Sudan) on 11-12 September 2018 in Ankara, Turkey.
- SESRIC planned 2 statistical outreach programmes in October-December 2018 on “Science, Technology, and Innovation Statistics” for the benefit of Uzbekistan and Iran.

- 23rd Issue of ISESCO Journal of Science and Technology was published by ISESCO Center for Promotion of Scientific Research.
- ISESCO took part in 18th World Renewable Energy Congress (WREC), London from 30 July through 03 August 2018.
- ISESCO approved five grants for scientific research projects for 2018.
- ISESCO supported the organization of the 12th National Forum of Scientific Research and Innovation in Burkina Faso, Ouagadougou, on 21-27 October 2018.
- Cooperation program between ISESCO and the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS) was signed, Islamabad, 13 April 2018.
- Under COMSTECH-TWAS joint program, a total of US\$ 199,924 have been granted to 30 scientists from 10 OIC member states (Burkina Faso, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Jordan, Malaysia, Morocco, Pakistan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates) in 2018. COMSTECH contributed 50% share of these grants.
- Public lecture on “The Use of New Breeding Technologies for Global Food Security” by Mark Tester (Professor at King Abdullah University of Science & Technology), 15 March 2018, COMSTECH, Islamabad.
- International Workshop on Plant Genetic Resources (FGR) & Gene Bank Operations Management System, 8-11 May 2018, COMSTECH, Islamabad.
- International Workshop on Options for an Energy Mix: Issues of Cost and Sustainability, 26-28 June, 2018, COMSTECH, Islamabad.
- International Workshop on Advanced Biological Risk Mitigation Skill Based Training, June 29-July 06, 2018, COMSTECH, Islamabad.
- COMSTECH held a 2-day meeting of member states on 11-12 December 2017 to prepare an Implementation Strategy for the STI Agenda.
- A 4-day workshop (8-11 May 2018) was conducted at COMSTECH Secretariat on the theme of Preservation of Plant Genetic and Gene banks, participated by 15 member states representatives.
- The Renewable Energy Profile of OIC Countries was completed and published in February, 2018. As a follow up of this Report a capacity building workshop on “Options for an Energy Mix: Issues of Cost and Sustainability” was conducted at COMSTECH on 26-28 June 2018.

- COMSTECH in collaboration with the Royal Society of Chemistry (UK) organized the 1st International Conference on “Medicinal Chemistry and Drug Discovery” on 18-19 October, 2018.
- Pakistan Institute of Engineering and Applied sciences on the initiative of COMSTECH has offered 10 Fellowships per year to students in the fields of Nuclear Engineering and related disciplines.
- COMSTECH prepared the Science Profile of the member states based on a comprehensive quantitative and qualitative analysis of 8 leading countries in September 2017. In 2018, Part II of the Profile that includes reports of four other countries viz. Nigeria, Algeria, Indonesia and Jordan have been completed. It covers the publications and patents in the fields of Life Sciences, Chemistry, Physics, Materials Sciences, Mathematics, Engineering and Earth Sciences.
- ISESCO organized International Seminar on “Photovoltaic Applications and Renewable Energy Challenges on 15-21 October at London.
- COMSTECH has supported following events from January 2018 to-date:
 - 19th International Meeting on “Frankia and Actinorhizal Plants”, 17-19 March 2018 at Hammamet-Tunisia.
 - 7th Digital Earth Summit-2018 on “Digital Earth on Sustainable Development in Africa”, 17-19 April 2018, El Jadida, Chouaib Douakkali University, Morocco.
 - Second Refresher Course for Physics Teachers. “Problem Solving and Concept Development” June 25 – July 14, 2018 at National Centre for Physics, Islamabad, Pakistan.
 - “Space Summer School (SSS)”, 16-27 July, 2018 at Institute of Space Technology (IST), Islamabad, Pakistan.
 - COMSTECH has signed an MoU with the Lindau Council of Nobel Laureate Meetings, whereby highly talented young researchers can interact with 20-30 Nobel Laureates for one to two weeks in Lindau, Germany. In this regard, COMSTECH in current year has supported 7 young scientists from Arab Republic of Egypt, Malaysia, State of Qatar, Republic of Turkey and Republic of Uzbekistan at a total cost of US\$ 25,172/-.

Priority Area 11: Education

Goal 2.11

Goal 2.11

- COMCEC Poverty Alleviation Working Group met on 5 April 2018 in Ankara with the theme of “Quality of Education in the OIC Member Countries”. Field visit case studies were conducted on Jordan, Malaysia, Nigeria and Pakistan.

- COMCEC Poverty Alleviation Working Group met on 4 October 2018 with the theme of “Skills Development: Vocational Education in the OIC Member Countries”. Field visits were conducted in Bangladesh, Palestine and Uganda.
- Under the COMCEC Project Funding, the Gambia is implementing the project, “Training on Entrepreneurship for Teachers in the Selected OIC Countries” with Senegal and Cameroon.
- ICDT and the Group of “L’Etudiant Marocain” organized, the 4th edition of the Specialized Exhibition on “Higher Education Services in the OIC Member States”, from 26 to 29 April 2018 at the OFEC Exhibition Center in Casablanca.
- IRCICA continued to organize and coordinate education and research programs in cultural studies and history, architectural heritage, arts and handicrafts aiming to promote education and teacher training and encourage academic interest in social sciences within the Muslim world.
- ISESCO launched TAFAHUM Programme for Students Exchange between Universities from September- December 2017.
- UNA project to Arabize websites of non-Arab news agencies, as well as to train member agencies in coordination with the World Association of Non-Arabic Language Institutions was reviewed on 14 March 2018.
- An Expert Meeting on the Implementation of the Performance Measurement Mechanism for the Universities of the Islamic World was held at ISESCO Headquarters, Rabat, on 23-24 October 2018.
- SESRIC and ISESCO jointly organized a Workshop on The Role of Crafts in Developing Community-based Economics in the member states on 16-18 October 2018 in Ankara, Republic of Turkey.
- SESRIC organized the “2nd Workshop on Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in OIC Member States” held on 5-6 September 2018 in Ankara, Turkey.
- SESRIC, in partnership with Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) has already initiated the Reverse Linkage Project on Building a Vocational and Business Centre in IUIU aiming at promoting training for both students and public in areas of interest to local community and market.
- IUT got the B.Sc. in Civil Engineering Programme accredited by the Board of Accreditation for Engineering and Technical Education (BAETE).
- IUT completed the first 4-levels of the construction work of the female dormitory with a 10-storied foundation and 3-storied common facility building with a 5-storied foundation on its campus.

- Under the OIC Educational Exchange Programme, the Government of Pakistan has announced 100 additional scholarships for the students of 15 OIC developing countries.
- ISESCO has been carrying out a range of activities for the development of higher education in member states. These include programmes for enhancing the scientific, technical and human capacities in member states, promoting public understanding of new scientific and technological developments and integrating knowledge in the socio-economic development processes.
- SESRIC organized the Statistics Course on “Examination of International Education Reports and Monitoring of Educational Indicators” for the benefit of Turkey on 06 August 2018.
- SESRIC joined ISESCO and UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) to co-organize the Regional Workshop on Education Statistics on 15-17 October 2018 to promote development of national strategies for the purpose.
- SESRIC planned 2 statistical outreach programmes in October – December 2018 on “Education Statistics” for the benefit of Iraq and Mozambique.
- The curricula of different programmes of the Islamic University of Technology (IUT) are regularly reviewed and updated to meet the changing demands of the high-tech job market. The high demand of IUT graduates in the job markets is the result of pursuing academic excellence matching the needs of the changing technological milieu.
- Two faculties, i.e. Faculty of Engineering and Technology and Faculty of Science and Technical Education have recently been opened unfolding a new chapter in the management of the IUT.
- Two new disciplines have been introduced at the IUT offering the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering and Bachelor of Business Administration in Technology Management.
- IUT is going to offer PhD degree in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) under its existing Technical and Vocational Education (TVE) Department. Necessary approval has already been obtained in order to launch the programme from the academic year 2018-2019.
- The Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) contributes annually US\$ 2,000,000 to both the Islamic Universities in Niger and Uganda (US\$ 1 million each). Its total contribution to this sector amounted to US\$ 5, 150,000 during 2017-2018.
- ISESCO held the 1st regional forum under the theme “Developing Arabic Language Teaching Programmes for Elementary Level Students in Southeast Asia”, Malaysia, 11-15 May 2018.

- ISESCO organized a regional workshop on Integrating University and Private Sector Development, Rabat, 4 May 2018.
- ISESCO organized award ceremony for winners in Arabic Language Short Educational Films Contest – 2017 edition, in Kuala Lumpur, 16 January 2018.
- ISESCO participated in the first session of 7th International Arabic Language Conference, Dubai, on 19-21 April 2018.
- Workshop on Development of Education Management Information System (EMIS) Norms and Standards, ISESCO headquarters on 16-20 April 2018.
- ISESCO took part in 13th Meeting of International Islamic University, Islamabad Board of Trustees, Islamabad, 12 April 2018.
- Regional meeting on recognition of higher education studies, diplomas and degrees in Arab States, ISESCO headquarters, Rabat, on 7-9 March 2018.

Priority Area 12: Health
Goals 2.12.1 to 2.12.3

Goal 2.12.1

- ITFC and ICDT, organized, in collaboration with the Ministry of Commerce and Handicraft and the promotion of SMEs and the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene in Cote d'Ivoire, Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, the “Buyers-Sellers Meeting on Pharmaceuticals and Related Industries” on 2-3 November 2017 in Abidjan.
- SESRIC launched the OIC Health Portal during the 6th Islamic Conference of Health Ministers (ICHM) on 5-7 December 2017, in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The OIC Health Portal was developed by SESRIC in line with the implementation of the OIC Health Communication and Publicizing Strategy.
- ICDT organized, the 4th edition of the Health Expo of the OIC member states from 7 to 9 December 2018 at Sofitel Hotel Ivoire in Abidjan.
- ICDT organized a workshop on the potential market of pharmaceuticals and medical equipment in the OIC member states on the sidelines of the 4th OIC Medical Expo to be held in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene on 7-9 December 2018.
- IsDB supports the Establishment of Centre for Natural Product Research (CNPR) in Bangladesh. The project was approved in November 2017 with total cost of US\$ 16

million. The project will contribute towards the Health, Population and Nutrition Sector Development Program HPNSDP (2017-2021).

- The total contribution of ISF to the health sector amounts to US\$ 800,000 during 2017-2018.

Goal 2.12.2

- As part of its support to the Islamic International Advisory Group (IAG) for Polio Eradication, IsDB has provided the IAG with a financial support of more than US\$ 200,000 in 2018. Moreover, the IAG mandate has been expanded to cover the Maternal, Newborn and Child Health.
- IsDB approved Malaria Control Program for Senegal amounting to US\$11.43 million; out of which the IsDB contributed US\$ 10 Million. The project's main objective is to contribute to the achievement of the Goal of the National Malaria Control Program (2014-2018), which aims at reaching the threshold for pre-elimination (less than one case per 1,000 population by 2018).
- Support to the Malaria Control and Elimination Project for Senegal (total cost US\$ 36.40 million) was approved in December 2016. The project is contributing towards the achievement of the objectives of the National Malaria Control Program (NMCP, 2016-2020), aiming at reducing the mortality and morbidity related to Malaria.
- Support to the Malaria Prevention & Control Project for Sudan (total cost US\$ 42.57 million) is under processing for 2018. The proposed project will contribute towards alleviating the burden of malaria affected population in Sudan.
- IsDB approved a project (total cost US\$ 5.77 million) to support the efforts of the Government of Djibouti (GOD) to improve the health status of its citizens through addressing the adverse social and economic burden of cancer. IsDB's contribution is US \$ 5 million.
- IsDB in partnership with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) organized Innovation and Action against Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) Conference, 16-19 July 2018, at ADB Headquarters, Manila.
- The Bank approved the Health System Strengthening Project for Sierra Leone, which has a major Maternal, Newborn and Child Health component. The total cost of the project is US\$ 11 Million, out of which the IsDB contribution is US\$ 10 million. The overall objective of the project is to contribute to reducing maternal and neonatal mortality, through improving the access to and quality of maternal health care services by the end of 2019.

- The project for “Improving the Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health (MNCH) Services in 4 Districts of Khatlon Oblast” in Tajikistan (total cost US\$ 26 Million) is under processing for 2018.
- IsDB approved National Program for Reproductive Health project for Mauritania in December 2017. The total cost of the project was US \$ 2.88 million.
- In line with the Self Reliance Program on Vaccine Production adopted by the 10th Islamic Summit, IsDB approved a project in support of Yellow Fever Vaccine (YFV) production for Senegal.
- ICD’s Healthcare approvals in 2017 amounted to US\$ 59.4 million, representing 17% of the total annual real sector approvals.
- ISESCO organized the first International Congress on Viruses and Vaccines in Tropical Areas on 11-12 October at Sere Kunda, The Gambia.
- ICDT participated in the Meeting of Buyers and Sellers of the Pharmaceutical and Paramedical Products organized in collaboration with ITFC and the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene and the Ministry of Commerce, Handicrafts and Promotion of SMEs in Abidjan, Republic of Cote d’Ivoire from 2 to 3 November 2017.
- SESRIC, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health of Turkey organized a workshop on the “Integration of the Traditional and Complementary Medicine Practices into the Health Systems and Health Services” on 18 April 2018, in Istanbul, Turkey.
- SESRIC held a high-level regional seminar on promoting cancer awareness and advocacy programmes in the OIC African member states on 1-2 August 2018 in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.
- SESRIC continued to service during 2018 the project on “Integration of the Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS) into the National Surveys in OIC Member States” in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and CDC Foundation.
- SESRIC organised the Workshop on Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS) in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and CDC Foundation on 12-15 November 2018 in Ankara.
- SESRIC planned 2 statistical outreach programmes in October – December 2018 on “Health Statistics” for the benefit of the Gambia and Niger.
- Joint ISESCO and Alwaleed Philanthropies Sixth Medical, Social and Educational Caravan was launched, at Abidjan from 08 to 14 February 2018.

Goal 2.12.3

- IIFA is member of the IAG on Polio Eradication as well as its Executive Committee and contributes in projecting the Islamic perspective in carrying forward the campaign.
- IIFA participated in a workshop entitled “Strengthening National Expert Teams to Support Introduction of HPV Vaccine in the Eastern Mediterranean Countries”, held on 14-16 October 2018 in Marrakech (Morocco).
- The 6th ICHM launched two major initiatives aimed at contributing to the effective implementation of the OIC SHPA. One of these initiatives is the OIC Health Portal.
- SESRIC has prepared a Content Management Strategy for the OIC Health Portal. In this regard, member states have been requested to convey their respective National Focal Persons for this task and so far only 8 member states have responded accordingly.
- A High-level Regional Seminar on promoting cancer awareness and advocacy programmes in OIC African member states was held in Ouagadougou, Republic of Burkina Faso on 01-02 August 2018. The High-Level seminar was attended by 11 First Ladies, Senior Government officials and members of the civil society organizations.
- The Government of Turkey, in its capacity as Lead Country Coordinator of OIC-SHPA 2014-2023 thematic area one on Health Systems Strengthening organized a training course entitled " Intensive Care and Infection Control " on 26 November – 14 December 2018 in Ankara, Turkey under the project on strengthening Health Workforce in OIC member states.
- IAG in its Fifth Annual Meeting held at the OIC General Secretariat on 14 November 2018 decided to expand its mandate to incorporate other aspects of the OIC-SHPA 2014-2023 into its mid-term plan of 2019-2023 including activities related to Mother and Child Health.
- SESRIC in collaboration with the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey and the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) organized a training course on “Emergency and Disaster Medical Services” for the benefit of 20 experts from the Ministry of Health of Sudan during the period 26 November – 1 December 2017 in Khartoum.
- SESRIC signed a MoU with the General Directorate of Higher Education Credit and Hostels Institutions (KYK) in Turkey on 6 February 2018 to enhance cooperation in matters of common interest and to strengthen social and cultural interaction among international students from OIC countries studying in Turkey.
- SESRIC in collaboration with the Ministry of Health of Turkey and the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) organized a training course on “Emergency and Disaster Medical Services” for the benefit of 39 experts from the Ministry of Health of Sudan on 4-8 March 2018 in Khartoum, Sudan.

- SESRIC, the Ministry of Health of Turkey and the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA), jointly organized a training of trainers course on “Disaster and Prehospital Medicine Training of Trainers” on 2-11 May 2018 at the International Urla Emergency Disaster Training and Simulation Centre in Izmir.
- SESRIC in collaboration with the governments of Sudan and Turkey, TIKA and IDB, launched the project on “Strengthening Coordination and Capacity Building on Preparedness and Response for Health Emergencies in OIC Member States” for 2017-2018.
- SESRIC and the Ministry of Health of Turkey organized a 3-week training programme on Intensive Care & Infection Control between 25 June and 13 July 2018 in Ankara, Turkey. The training was organized within the framework of the OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action 2014-2023.
- SESRIC, the Ministry of Health of Turkey, the Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency (TIKA) and the Ministry of Health of Sudan, jointly organized the first pilot training course on “Strengthening Coordination and Capacity Building on Preparedness and Response for Health Emergencies in the OIC Member States” on 15-20 July 2018 in Khartoum, Sudan.

**Priority Area 13: Advancement and Empowerment of Women,
Family Welfare and Social Security
Goals 2.13.1 to 2.13.7**

Goal 2.13.1

- ISESCO organized National Training Workshop on Cottage Industry for Rural Women on 25-27 September 2017.
- SESRIC submitted draft OIC Guidelines for a Unified Reporting and Measurement of OPAAW; National Progress Reports and OPAAW Survey. SESRIC also made a presentation of the concept paper during the Workshop on Developing the Capacities of National Institutions Working in the Field of Women Empowerment in OIC member states held in December 2017.
- A committee composed of IIFA and the OIC General Secretariat has been established to develop legislation based on in Sharia’s provisions on issues of forced marriage of underage girls, HIV and human trafficking.
- General Secretariat (DHCSA) held a workshop to strengthen the capacities of national institutions in the field of women empowerment on 17-18 December 2017 at its headquarters.

- The Women Consultative Council for the Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in Development in the member states held its second meeting on 18 December 2017 at the OIC General Secretariat.
- General Secretariat (DHCSA) made a presentation on OIC Gender Policy to the Seventh Ministerial Conference on Women held in June 2018 in Burkina Faso.
- A preparatory workshop for the meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Experts Group Meeting to develop the OIC strategy to strengthen the Marriage and Family Institutions in the Islamic world was held on 29-30 March 2018 at the ISESCO headquarters, Rabat.

Goal 2.13.2

- UNA contributed in the expert group meeting on the OIC Strategy for Youth, held at the General Secretariat on 9 January 2018.
- The 4th session of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers (ICYSM) was held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, on 17-19 April 2018 with the adoption of the OIC Youth Strategy as its main outcome.
- General Secretariat (DHCSA) in cooperation with the International Union of Muslim Scouts (IUMS) is working to organize OIC Youth Forum for Dialogue and Moderation at Niamey, Republic of Niger or in another member state.
- SESRIC released a report on 21-22 February 2018 on the State of Children in OIC member countries. The report provides a comprehensive analysis of the well-being of children in OIC countries by looking at selected health and education indicators.
- SESRIC organized a course on “Gender Statistics” for the benefit of Maldives on 23-25 April 2018.
- SESRIC, in collaboration with the Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB), the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) and of Ensar Foundation, launched “OIC International Students Internship Programme”, in 2018.
- The 10th ISSF General Assembly and the Executive Board Meeting was held on 20 November 2017 at Riyadh.
- The 2nd ISSF International Solidarity Archery Championship was organized on 5-10 May 2018, in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- The 2nd ISSF International Solidarity Tennis Championship was organized on 23-28 July 2018, in Baku, Azerbaijan.

- The 1st ISSF Coordination Meeting for the 1st Youth Islamic Solidarity Games (YISG) 2019, was held on 22-24 January 2018, at the ISSF Headquarters in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- Coordination Meeting with the Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee (SAOC) was held to discuss the organization of the 1st Youth Islamic Solidarity Games (YISG) 2019, on 21 March 2018, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- ISSF held meeting with the National Olympic Committee of United Arab Emirates, on 29 March 2018, in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates.
- The 1st ISSF Coordination Meeting was held with the Organizing Committee of the 5th Islamic Solidarity Games “Istanbul 2021”, on 25-27 April 2018, in Istanbul, Turkey.
- ISSF participated in 18th Asian Games, held on 18 August – 2 September 2018, in Jakarta and Palembang, Indonesia.
- ISSF has scheduled the 5th International Solidarity Weightlifting Championship for men and women in December 2018 at Cairo.

Goal 2.13.3

- From 19-21 February 2018, ICDT trained Gabonese and businesswomen from Cote d’Ivoire to empower women.
- In 2019, economic operators of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh and ASEAN countries will benefit also of this programme.
- General Secretariat (DHCSA) in collaboration with the Chair of 3rd ICYSM held an Intergovernmental Experts Group Meeting (IEGM) on 8-9 January 2018 to finalize the draft OIC Youth Strategy.
- OIC Youth Strategy was adopted during the 4th Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers (ICYSM) held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, on 17-19 April 2018.
- After the adoption of the OIC Youth Strategy, the General Secretariat in collaboration with SESRIC prepared the draft Plan of Action for the implementation of the OIC Youth Strategy.
- ISSF contributed to the Conference of “Secretaries General of Arab Sports Federations on 14-17 December 2017, in Alexandria, Egypt.
- ISSF held workshop on Intellectual Property in Sports Institutions in cooperation with the National Olympic Committee of United Arab Emirates, on 28-29 March 2018, in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates.

- ISSF signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Olympic Committee (NOC) of Azerbaijan, on 19 April 2018, in Baku, Azerbaijan.
- ISSF contributed in the Intergovernmental Expert Group Meeting of the OIC Youth Strategy, held on 8-10 January 2018, at the OIC Headquarters in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.
- ISSF contributed in the 4th Meeting of the OIC Permanent Joint Committee on Youth Affairs, held on 10 January 2018, at the OIC Headquarters in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.
- ISSF contributed in the 4th Session of the Council of Youth and Sports Ministers (ICYSM), held on 17-19 April 2018, in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Goal 2.13.4

- General Secretariat (DHCSA) is working in coordination with the International Islamic University of Malaysia, ISESCO and SESRIC to develop a draft OIC Strategy to strengthen the Marriage and Family Institutions in the Islamic World. It shall be presented to the Open-ended Intergovernmental Experts Group Meeting to be convened in early 2019.
- ISF contributed US\$ 405,000 to various projects in the fields of advancement and empowerment of women, family welfare and social security during 2017-2018.
- ISESCO and BADEA launched assistance programme for women engaged in sewing and embroidery at Conakry, 8-21 January 2018.
- The second assistance programme was conducted at Kampala on 19 January - 1 February 2018.
- The 2018 ISESCO Literacy Prize was awarded to the Association for Women Advancement and Child Care in the Gambia.
- Islamic Conference of Ministers In-charge of Childhood held its 5th session at ISESCO headquarters on 21-22 February 2018.

Goal 2.13.5

- General Secretariat (DHCSA) is in the process of developing a draft OIC comprehensive strategy in the field of child care and well-being in the Muslim world. The initial work in consultation with the member states and relevant OIC institutions is in progress and an expert group meeting is expected to be convened in December 2018.
- General Secretariat (DHCSA) in collaboration with the SESRIC organized a workshop on the “State of Elderly in the OIC Member States” on 24-25 April 2018. The workshop is the first step in the process of developing an OIC policy for the elderly. The General Secretariat will continue following up with the relevant OIC institutions to take necessary action in this regard.

- General Secretariat (DHCSA) proposes to develop OIC policy for the welfare of people with special needs. Matter is being pursued with the member states.
- IRCICA's research findings contributed towards enhancing women's activities in arts, handicrafts and other cultural occupations; encouraging women's participation in IRCICA's festivals of handicrafts and training programs on arts.
- Presentation by IRCICA at the preparatory workshop for the 7th Ministerial Conference on "Women's Role in the Development of OIC Member States", Ouagadougou, 28-29 June 2018.
- UNA contributed in the workshop on "Improving the situation of the elderly in the Islamic world" held on 24-25 April 2018 at the General Secretariat.
- The OIC Award for Women's Achievements in the Islamic World has been instituted which will be awarded during the Seventh Ministerial Conference on Women in Burkina Faso in November 2018.
- SESRIC prepared the 2018 edition of the Report on the Elderly in three official languages of the OIC in April 2018. The Report analyses demographic trends, social and economic well-being of the elderly, institutional arrangements and the cultural dimensions of ageing.
- SESRIC prepared a background research report titled "OIC Women and Development Report 2018". The Report aims to assess the state of women in OIC member countries in comparative perspective and identifies key challenges faced by women in social and economic fields.
- A training programme on "South-South & Triangular Cooperation in Implementing the 2030 Agenda: Youth 4 South Edition" was organized in cooperation with SESRIC, UNOSSC, IDB, UNFPA, CISSCA and the UNSSC on 20-22 June 2018.
- SESRIC and the UNDP Istanbul International Center for Private Sector in Development (IICPSD) launched a joint publication on "Best Practices, Guidelines and the Toolkit for Engaging the Private Sector in Skills Development" on 28 June 2018.

Goal 2.13.6

- Princess Lalla Mariam, daughter of King Hassan II, was appointed as the OIC Goodwill Ambassador in the field of family empowerment, the institution of marriage and the fight against underage marriage.
- A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the General Secretariat and the UN Women during the 72nd UNGA.

- The OIC guidelines for the unified national progress reporting procedure and measurement of OPAAW implementation have been developed. These will be submitted to the 7th session of Ministerial Conference on Women in November 2018.

Goal 2.13.7

- A study on issues of street children and child labour, covering statistical, practical and operational aspects is being prepared and will be submitted to the IIFA Council for adoption of a decision on the subject.
- The Ministerial conference on Family, Childhood, Elderly and People with Special Needs was merged into the Ministerial Conference for Social Development. The General Secretariat (DHCSA) is working in coordination with ISESCO to prepare for the first session of the Conference on Social Development to be held in Turkey in 2019.

Priority Area 14: Joint Islamic Humanitarian Action **Goals 2.14.1 to 2.14.2**

Goal 2.14.1

- General Secretariat (Department of Humanitarian, Cultural & Social Affairs) is preparing to convene workshops and seminars during the year on: “Islamic Social Finance- the Humanitarian Development Nexus” for humanitarian think tanks and for developing the capacities of OIC humanitarian NGOs.
- Islamic Committee of International Crescent (ICIC) continued to provide humanitarian assistance to alleviate the suffering of the victims of disasters and armed conflicts, refugees and displaced people by financial contributions and by implementing projects of humanitarian assistances in various areas.
- Financial contribution to the Palestinian Red Crescent Society in July 2018 to assist the Palestinian people.
- Implementing assistance program for the children of Libyan displaced families in the region of Benghazi funded by the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) during 2018.
- Financing and implementing the programme of assistance for the children from 0-5 years of the Rohingya refugees in the region of Cox’s Bazar on 31 December 2017 in cooperation with the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society.
- The second phase of the programme of assistance for the children of refugees families in Bangladesh and in the border area with Myanmar began from 6 May 2018 which included distribution of food parcels and financial assistance. Its third phase started in September 2018.

- Contributed to the project of the Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross Organization (ARCO) for Development Assistance to the Families in the Comoros, in cooperation with the Comoros Red Crescent Society.
- Projects of humanitarian assistance, institutional and Capacity building were developed for the following areas:
 - Livelihood support for farmers in Topcic Poljie village in Bosnia.
 - Food support for displaced persons in Central Africa.
 - Food and hygiene support for asylum seekers in Djibouti.
 - Project for capacity building in community – based risk reduction and disaster response in Turkmenistan and Tajikistan.
 - Project of assistance for the Syrian refugees and displaced person titled, “Dignified return to country.”
 - IIFA has prepared a study to clarify the limits of the possibility of using Zakat and Waqf revenues to finance humanitarian aid.
 - UNA signed on 13 March 2018 a memorandum of cooperation with ICIC to train specialized media personnel in the field of humanitarian coverage in Islamic countries.
 - IsDB in collaboration with SESRIC, ISESCO and the Relief Worldwide, organized a 2-day workshop on “Developing Syrian Refugees and IDPs Education”, on 8-9 November 2017 in Istanbul, Turkey.
 - SESRIC and the Turkish Red Crescent Society (TRC), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 5 February 2018 to enhance the capacity of the humanitarian organizations and to alleviate poverty in the OIC countries through joint initiatives and development projects.
 - SESRIC, in collaboration with the IsDB, the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development, Turkish Red Crescent (TRC) and Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW) organized a Workshop on “Enhancing the Humanitarian Response and Resilience through CSOs in OIC Member States” on 2-3 October 2018 in Istanbul, Turkey.
 - ISF is financing a camp for Central African refugees in the Republic of Chad. It visited Mali on 5-9 March 2018 to identify the needs of Mali in the political, economic and humanitarian aspects. The Fund will extend support for the establishment of a center for the displaced persons as well as Ahmad Baba Institute in Timbuktu. The total contributions of the Fund to the Emergency sector during 2017-2018 amounts to US\$ 650,000.

Goal 2.14.2

- A joint OIC-UNHCR workshop on the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) was held at the Dead Sea in Jordan on 29-30 April 2018. It was followed up by the OIC-UNHCR assessment mission to the Zartari camp in Jordan on 1 May 2018.
- General Secretariat (DHCSA) is preparing for a joint workshop with OCHA on tracking the humanitarian assistance of OIC donors.
- General Secretariat (DHCSA) is in contact with Turkmenistan to convene a follow up conference on refugees in the Muslim world in the wake of the first conference of its kind held in Ashgabat in 2012.
- Islamic Forum for International Humanitarian Law (IFIHL), a subsidiary organ of the ICIC, organized the second International Seminar on the “Relief work in Islamic Fiqh and the International Practices” in the High Center of Islamic Civilization at the University Al-Zaituna in Tunis on 14-15 April 2018.
- ICIC continued to cooperate with the Turkish Red Crescent Society and other relevant authorities for supporting the ICIC projects of assistance to the children of Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh and in the border areas with Myanmar and following up other ICIC humanitarian activities.
- ICIC is establishing procedures and developing programmes being launched in October 2018 to meet the challenge of irregular migration hosted by the Tunisian Red Crescent Society.
- Establishment of Social Peace Building Center in cooperation with the Iraqi Red Crescent Society, at its headquarter in Al-Nagaf Al-Ashraf.
- Cooperation with the Libyan Red Crescent Society in distribution of humanitarian assistance to the Libyan people financed by the Islamic Solidarity Fund.
- Cooperation with the Libyan Relief and Humanitarian Assistance organ of the Libyan Council of Ministers in distributing the humanitarian assistance funded by the Islamic Solidarity Fund to IDPs in Libya.
- ISESCO organized Medical and Social Caravans in the African region during 2017-18.

Priority Area 15: Human Rights, Good Governance and Accountability Goals 2.15.1 to 2.15.6

Goal 2.15.1

- SESRIC issued a report in November 2018 titled “Human Rights Standards and Institutions in OIC Countries” in November 2018.

- IPHRC held its 12th & 13th regular sessions in November 2017 and April 2018 respectively. Thematic debates on the topic of ‘Importance of cultural diversity in promotion and protection of human rights’ and ‘Revisiting the OIC Covenant on the Rights of Child in Islam to Reinforce the Rights of Children in Member States’ were held.
- The 14th IPHRC Session will be held in December 2018 where a thematic debate on the topic of ‘Promoting and protecting the rights of refugees and migrants; An Islamic and international human rights obligation’ is planned.
- IPHRC adopted a comprehensive study on the topic of ‘Islamophobia and Counterterrorism’ during the 12th IPHRC Regular Session held in November 2017.
- IPHRC in collaboration with the Government of Republic of Turkey held its 5th International Seminar on the topic of ‘Islamophobia: A Human Rights Violation and a Contemporary Manifestation of Racism’ at Istanbul from 17-18 October 2018.
- IPHRC is in contact with the OIC General Secretariat and concerned member states to make necessary logistical arrangements to undertake the second visit to Gaza by the end of 2018.
- Mandated by the CFM resolutions and Final communique of the 13th Islamic Summit in Istanbul, IPHRC Standing Mechanism ‘to monitor human rights violations in IoK’ (Indian Occupied Kashmir), continues to urge the Indian Government to facilitate the OIC-IPHRC’s fact-finding visit to IoK.

Goal 2.15.2

- IPHRC condemned (July 2018) the malicious plan of the Dutch parliamentarian Geert Wilders to hold an international competition on the caricatures of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH). The Commission held that the planned competition was willful endeavor to incite religious hatred and discrimination against Muslims in violation of the Article 20(2) of ICCPR.
- IPHRC delegation visited the Rohingya Refugee Camps in Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh from 3-5 January 2018 to acquire first-hand information on the state of human rights violations faced by them in Myanmar.

Goal 2.15.3

- During 2018 IPHRC participated in various Sessions of UNHRC. During these sessions, its delegation actively participated in the proceedings of the Council and made statements on various issues of concern to the OIC. Similar activities are carried out during its visit to UNGA Third Committee.

Goal 2.15.4

- IPHRC successfully completed the work on reviewing ‘The OIC Declaration on Human Rights – (ODHR)’. The General Secretariat has convened an Intergovernmental Working Group Meeting in December 2018 to review the revised draft.

- Pursuant to the CFM Resolution 4/45 C, the IPHRC is in process of reviewing the “Covenant on the Rights of the Child in Islam”. A meeting of the Commission is scheduled for this purpose in December 2018.

Goal 2.15.5

- IPHRC continued to explore opportunities to establish cooperative relationship and promote exchange of knowledge on the subject with the UN Special Rapporteur on the RtD (Right to Development). It has urged the member states to include a section on the implementation of the RtD in their national report to the follow-up to the 2030 Agenda.
- ISESCO organized a Seminar on Human Rights and Inter-Cultural Dialogue on 10 December 2017.

Goal 2.15.6

- ISESCO organized 2nd International Conference on the theme: “New Cultural Roles of Civil Society in Promoting and Disseminating Good Governance Culture” held in Tunis 23-24 March 2018.
- IPHRC Secretariat, in collaboration with the UN Counter-terrorism Office organized a Workshop in April 2018 for the OIC Member and Observer States to share best practices on the topic of “Importance of Mainstreaming Human Rights in Counter Terrorism policies and initiatives”.
- IPHRC Secretariat in collaboration with the UN organized a training workshop in November 2017 on ‘Treaty Body Capacity Building Programme’ for the officials of the Secretariat and OIC Member and Observer States.
- IPHRC is in process of presenting a comprehensive study on the topic of ‘Human Rights and Cultural Diversity’. The draft of the study is expected to be presented before the Commission during its 14th Session scheduled to be held in December 2018.
- Studies under process during the current year include: (a) “Promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism”; (b) Paper to clarify the terms Gender Equality, Gender Equity and Gender Justice; (c) Role of Human Rights Education in advancement of Human Rights in the OIC member states; (d) Protecting Youth Rights in OIC member states.

Priority Area 16: Media and Public Diplomacy **Goals 2.16.1 to 2.16.4**

Goal 2.16.1

- UNA signed MoU with the Somali National News Agency (SUNA) on 19 October 2017 to promote and develop bilateral cooperation in the field of news exchange.

- General Secretariat (Information Department) took steps to enhance the use of social media in dissemination of press releases, live webcast of OIC meetings on the OIC website and social media.
- General Secretariat (Information Department) produced specialized publications on Ulama Conference on Peace and Stability in Afghanistan, Muslim Minorities around the World and other reports, as well as long and short videos on OIC and a documentary on the Rohingya issue.
- UNA and the Director General of “Iqraa” TV channels on 26 February 2018 discussed avenues for greater cooperation in relation to social networking and news exchange.
- UNA Training Center hosted a workshop on 10 April 2018 to promote modern rules of graphic photography in the media and social media.
- On 14 May 2018, the UNA signed a cooperation agreement with the Chinese Multimedia Group at Islamabad on 14 May 2018 to enhance cooperation and extensive coverage of events in China and the OIC countries.
- UNA launched its program for media delegations of member news agencies in Tunisia on 26 June 2018, in coordination with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

Goal 2.16.2

- General Secretariat (Information Department) in cooperation with the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) and Thomson Foundation, organized a training workshop to prepare a guidebook on covering terrorist incidents on 31 October- 2 November 2017 at Jeddah.
- UNA signed cooperation agreement on 6 December 2017 with SESRIC for developing skills of journalists for reporting on various economic and social fields in Islamic countries.
- Contribution to the International Conference of International News Agencies at Islamabad, Pakistan, 13- 14 May 2018 with the participation of representatives from 20 countries.
- Media workshop on the “Role of Social Media in Supporting the Work of the OIC” was convened at the General Secretariat in Jeddah on 15 November 2018. Nearly 35 bloggers and influencers on social media participated in aim to increase the visibility of the OIC globally and generate awareness about the programmes and activities of the OIC.
- Information Department co-organized the Media Delegations Visitor Program in Tunisia and Azerbaijan to promote interaction and training programs for journalists specializing in the domains of media, economy, investment and culture.
- General Secretariat (Information Department) organized the 3rd meeting of the ad hoc committee formed to consider the terms and procedures for establishing the OIC

international prize to reward outstanding media outlets and journalists in the area of promotion of dialogue, tolerance and harmony among civilizations on 13 May 2018 in Dakar, Senegal.

- General Secretariat in cooperation with the ISESCO, organized a sub-regional workshop to highlight the role of women in society and promote their presence in the media. The workshop was held on 4-5 October 2017 in Manamah, Kingdom of Bahrain, in coordination with Bahrain National Commission for Education, Science and Culture, and the Supreme Council for Women in Bahrain.
- SESRIC organized a 3-day Training Workshop for Junior Diplomats from the OIC member countries on 26-29 November 2018, in Istanbul, Turkey.

Goal 2.16.3

- IBRAF Steering Committee (Istanbul, 29 September 2017) confirmed that pursuant to the decision of the 11th Conference of Information Ministers, work on generating a database for televisions and radios operating in OIC countries will soon be ready.
- IBRAF participated in the meeting on “Role of Media in Combating Hate Speech” organized by OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC) in collaboration with the Ministry of Human Rights of the Kingdom of Morocco and United Nations Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights in Rabat on 23-24 October 2017.
- SESRIC and the Union of News Agency (UNA-OIC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 6 December 2017 in the fields of training and development of journalists’ skills.
- SESRIC contributed to the implementation and follow up of the 3.2.C. Initiative Road Map developed for the Technical Cooperation Agencies (TCAs) within the scope of the Third Dialogue Meeting of the OIC MCs Technical Cooperation Agencies (TCAs) organized on 12-13 December 2017 in Bali, Indonesia.
- Organization of Islamic Cooperation Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF) at its sixth annual meeting (Cotonou, Republic Benin, 19-20 February 2018) agreed that broadcasting regulatory authorities of IBRAF members would align the regulation of internet based audio-visual media services with the current practices in the world.
- The “Cotonou Declaration on Al Quds” reiterated IBRAF’s commitment to the defence of the cause of Palestine and Al Quds in the field of audio-visual media.
- UNA Training Center and the International Union of Muslim Scouts (IUMS) signed an agreement on 24 April 2018 to conduct training courses in the fields of common interest.
- IBRAF and its member authorities participated in the 4th Global Satellite Show and Broadcast Eurasia held on 1-3 November 2018 in Istanbul. During this event, the Steering Committee Meeting of IBRAF was also held on 2 November 2018.

- Information Department in cooperation with the ISESCO, organized the First Islamic-European Media Forum on Exploring ways of Cooperation to Eliminate Hate Speech in the Media and a Workshop to evaluate and adopt the training guide of media professionals to cover terrorist events including technical, media, ethical and legal procedures on 29-30 June 2018 at the headquarters of the European Press Club in Brussels, Belgium.
- General Secretariat (Information Department) organized training course on “Infographics for Social Media” at UNA Media Training Centre from 10 to 12 April 2018 for journalists and media practitioners from OIC institutions.
- General Secretariat in cooperation with ISESCO developed a media plan for 2018-2019, which includes training programs, workshops and conferences on various media issues vital for the OIC and the ISESCO.
- SESRIC planned 4 statistical outreach programmes in October – December 2018 on “Community Outreach through Social Media for National Statistics Offices” for the benefit of Oman, Senegal, Sudan and Suriname.
- SESRIC and the OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum organized a joint workshop on 19-20 February 2018 on “Rapid Changing Technologies and Legislative Alignment” in Cotonou, Benin.
- SESRIC and SMIIC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 27 July 2018 to further accelerate collaboration between two institutions in the areas of statistics, socio-economic research, project development and implementation, training and technical cooperation.
- ISESCO co-organized a media forum to curb hate speech in the media, Belgium on 29-30 June 2018.
- ISESCO participated in PUIC 13th Session, Tehran, on 16-17 January 2018.

Goal 2.16.4

- Union of OIC News Agencies (UNA) at its 5th Session of the General Assembly, (Jeddah, 15 October 2017) adopted a resolution recommending active contribution by the Union in the implementation of OIC-2025.
- The eleventh session of COMIAC was held on 13-15 May 2018 at Dakar. The Committee expressed satisfaction on the results of the third meeting of the Adhoc Committee on the OIC International Prize for Media held on 13 May 2018 in Dakar. This prize is intended to encourage the media practitioners worldwide to become more involved in promoting the true values of Islam and encourage them to correct the stereotyped image of Islam and the Muslims. Establishment of a dedicated fund for this prize is under consideration.

Priority Area 17: ICT and Digital Information Structure
Goals 2.17.1 to 2.17.3

Goal 2.17.1

- SMIC is continuing research for setting OIC Standards for ICT Skills among OIC member states.
- Cyber Security Malaysia as the Permanent Secretariat of the OIC-CERT organizes a 10-day training programme entitled “Effective incident Management and Active Defence Training” annually for the OIC-CERT and the ASEAN countries. Starting from 2017, a certificate “Certified Cyber Defender Associate” has been introduced.
- Development of a unified cyber security education and awareness program was accepted for implementation during the 7th OIC-CERT Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. A soft launch for the Malaysia Chapter was held on 6 August 2018.
- OIC-CERT conducts an annual conference to exchange ideas and sharing information. Iran will be hosting the next annual conference on 26-29 November 2018 in Shiraz with the theme, “Cyber Threats to the Public Social Networks and Mobile Apps”.
- OIC-CERT is developing a system to measure the response awareness of its members. Azerbaijan through the CERT.GOV.AZ. conducts “awareness tests” amongst the OIC-CERT members. Two awareness tests were conducted in March 2018 and April 2018.
- Indonesia organized the following two technical events for the OIC-CERT members in 2018:
 - OIC-CERT Cyber Security Technical Workshop on 12 October 2018
 - CodeBali International Conference on 9 October 2018.
- Azerbaijan through the CERT.GOV.AZ conducted ‘awareness test’ among the OIC-CERT member countries. These tests act as a tool to collect statistical data for measuring the response time of the members.
- Two awareness tests have been conducted in 2017, which were in July 2017 and August 2017. Another two awareness tests have been conducted, in March and April 2018.
- Indonesia conducted 2 technical events for the OIC-CERT members in 2018 as follows;
 - OIC-CERT Cyber Security Technical Workshop.
 - CodeBali International Conference.
- Iran hosted The OIC-CERT 9th General Meeting and Annual Conference titled “Cyber Threats to the Public: Social Networks and Mobile Apps” on 26-29 November 2018.

- IT Department and SESRIC have initiated study to promote ICT Skills and Information Structure in the OIC member states. The implementation plan will be discussed during ACMOI meeting on 2-3 December 2018.
- Study underway to unify the efforts to create capacity-building programs for developing countries in the OIC member states in cooperation with ITU and the OIC Universities.

Goal 2.17.2

- ISESCO co-organized International Conference on Literacy in a Digital World on 8 September 2017 at Paris.
- Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture (ICCIA) as per its mandate is striving for promotion of trade, poverty alleviation and capacity building in the OIC member states. A 3-day Training Program on “Technology Entrepreneurship Advocacy and Management of Business Incubation & Technology Parks” was organized in Istanbul, Turkey on 23-25 April 2018.
- Study in progress to advance the use of ICT for sharing database to access and exchange various knowledge in (Science and Technology) related to OIC member states in cooperation with SESRIC.
- Preparation for holding workshops and symposium on ICT are in process. UAE will host the first workshop on Cybersecurity and Cybercrimes in early 2019.
- ISESCO participated at the Digital Trade Hub Conference, Baku, on 24 October 2018.

Goal 2.17.3

- General Secretariat (IT Department) has been taking steps to generate more awareness about ICANN activities.
- The representation of the OIC member states in the Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) at ICANN, has increased from 22 to 44.
- Updated database for ICANN activities in OIC General Secretariat related to Islamic Top Level Domain (TLD) names.
- General Secretariat Participated in the international 61st ICANN international conference in Puerto Rico, USA on 10-15 March 2018 to raise the OIC initiatives according to the related issues of Islamic TLD.
- General Secretariat (IT Department) held official meeting with the GAC Chair to convey sensitivities of the member states and discuss new developments on the .Islam and .halal Top Level Domain names.

Priority Area 18: OIC Institutional Reforms
Goals 2.18.1 to 2.18.6

Goal 2.18.1

- Pursuant to the OIC Resolution 11/45-ORG, a major initiative on comprehensive reform of the OIC is in hand. The first brainstorming session on the subject was organized by the General Secretariat on 23-25 October 2018 at Jeddah. It will, inter alia, address all aspects of strengthening relationship of cooperation and partnership among OIC organs and institutions.

Goal 2.18.2

- The annual events of the General Assembly of the OIC institutions as part of ICECS session and the Annual Coordination Meeting of OIC Institutions (ACMOI) are currently providing platform for overall coordination and consultations among the OIC institutions.
- General Secretariat (Department of Administration and Finance) has taken a number of steps to strengthen its information gathering and retrieval capacity by introducing smart business practices including the installation of Laser Fiche system.
- General Secretariat is consistently moving ahead towards the overall target of developing paperless business environment. The Department of Administration and Finance and the Department of Information Technology are successfully spearheading the ongoing digital transformation in the General Secretariat which will be extended to the OIC Overseas offices in the next phase.

Goal 2.18.3

- SESRIC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Islamic Chamber Research and Information Centre (ICRIC) on 16 January 2018 in Tehran, Iran to reinforce their collaborative efforts and commitments towards organizing joint research, training and consultation for the development of OIC member states.
- An Intergovernmental Group of Experts (IGGE) on Personnel Regulations which was established by the 44th CFM, has met twice to review the personnel issues in a comprehensive manner. The IGGE in its second meeting held on 12-13 September 2018 at the General Secretariat decided to defer the discussions on the subject to the overall reform and restructuring process initiated in terms of Res.11/45-ORG.
- General Secretariat (Department of Administration and Finance) has successfully completed the first phase of introducing the Microsoft's Enterprise Resources Planning (ERP) System in the General Secretariat and its six Permanent Overseas Offices. Phase II is planned to include the Subsidiary Organs, some of which have already implemented the ERP system.

Goal 2.18.4

- SESRIC prepared a report in May 2018 on the revision of the scale of contribution of OIC member states to the annual budget of the General Secretariat.

- The question of revising the scale of contributions by the OIC budget has been on the PFC agenda. The PFC in its 48th meeting held on 6-8 March 2018 decided to defer the consideration of SESRIC's report on the subject to a future date.

Goal 2.18.5

- The OIC Charter has come into force following its ratification by forty member states.

Goal 2.18.6

- The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) recognizes the need to transform the General Secretariat and its subsidiary organs into modern institutions fully geared to support the Organization's objectives. The matter will since be dealt with as part of the comprehensive reforms, the proposal to hire a consultancy firm for the purpose has been dropped.
