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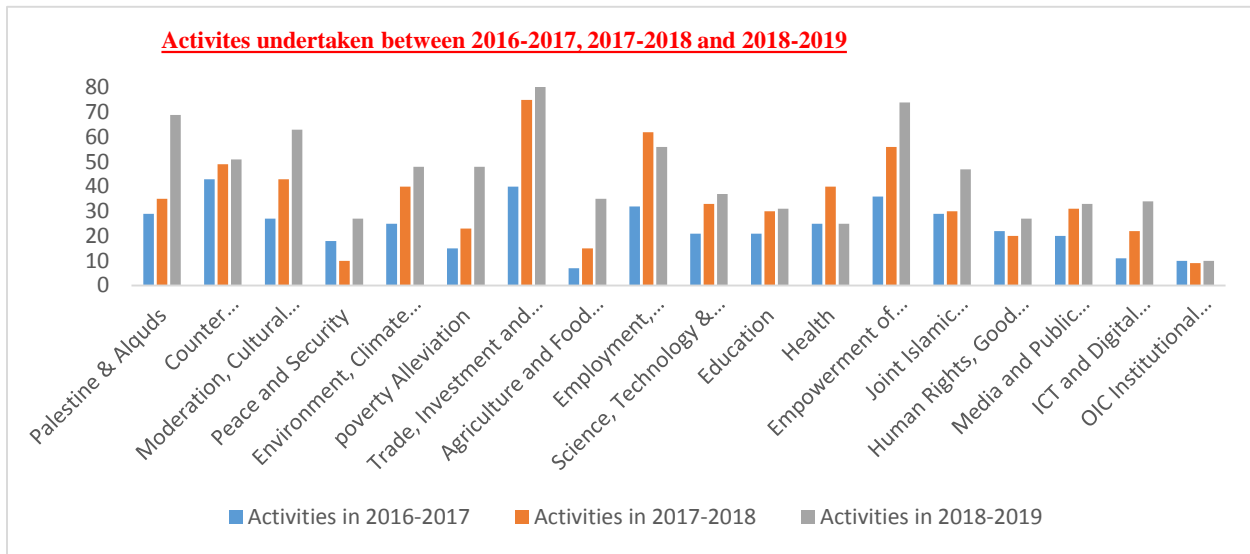
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The OIC-2025 is the Organization's strategic agenda for the current decade. Following its adoption by the 13<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit Conference (Istanbul, 14-15 April 2016), it is now in the implementation phase. This phase is guided by the Implementation Plan 2016-2025 which elaborates 107 goals identified under 18 priority areas into programmes and activities as means to facilitate realization of the agreed goals. In addition to more than 350 programmes and activities, the continued follow-up and the annual reporting by the General Secretariat to the regular sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers serve as tools of the OIC-2025.

2. It is heartening to note that all OIC organs and institutions are committed to the implementation of the OIC-2025 and their activities are geared towards the timely realization of its goals and objectives. This is evident from the continuing growth in the number of activities undertaken by the OIC institutions and organs since the first Progress Report in the year 2016-17. The number of activities rose from 435 to 630 in 2017-18. The number has further risen to 839 during 2018- 19. (Figure I). The 46<sup>th</sup> session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Resolution 1/46-PoA) on the OIC-2025: Programme of Action appreciated the steps taken during 2018 by the General Secretariat as well as the other organs and institutions in the OIC system as part of the on-going efforts to ensure effective implementation. The continued cooperation of the esteemed organs and institutions in this regard is essential to a consistent, focused and meaningful progress towards the achievement of the agreed goals of OIC-2025.

**Figure 1**



3. The year 2019 marked the golden jubilee year of the establishment of the OIC. Striving to enhance Joint Islamic Action in all areas of interest to the Ummah, the scope of work of the Organization has expanded over the years. In addition to issues of peace and security, its agenda include many areas relating to human development, quality of life and wellbeing of the people. The OIC’s development framework involving 18 priority areas of the OIC-2025 puts people first and aims to develop human capital and achieve inclusive growth. The goals set forth under these areas envision the Organization’s role as an effective partner for peace, stability, and development. Its journey of 50 years as collective voice of the Ummah and the promise that the Organization holds for the future is aptly summed up in the golden jubilee theme, ‘United for Peace and Development’.

4. The selection of the priority areas, ranging from Palestine and Al-Quds, Counter terrorism and extremism and Islamophobia, Moderation, Cultural and Interfaith Harmony, Peace and Security, Women Empowerment, Joint Humanitarian Action, Human Rights, Good Governance and Accountability, Media & Public Diplomacy to Climate Change, Poverty Alleviation, Trade & Investment, Agriculture & Food Security, Employment, Infrastructure & Industrialization, ST&I, Education, Health, Digital Information Structure and Institutional Reforms, uphold the same inherent relationship between peace and development. (Figure 2).

**Figure 2**



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

5. The Report in hand is the third in the series and gives a broad account of activities undertaken in the context of OIC-2025 during 2018- 19. It may be noted that due to varying schedules of CFM sessions and the preparatory meetings, a standard 12 months period is not available to complete the proposed activities and report thereon in the relevant calendar year. The cut-off dates fixed for the receipt of inputs from the OIC institutions and circulation of the

documents in advance, further complicate this matter. Many activities, therefore, which are likely to be completed in the last quarter of a year, get reported only in the next year.

6. Any discussion on the implementation of the OIC-2025 cannot be completed without reference to the principles that guided the development of the PoA and remain central in its implementation. These include: Islamic solidarity, 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 activities in their national priorities is essential for the success of the OIC-2025.

7. Accordingly, the 46<sup>th</sup> session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Resolution 1/46-PoA) invited “the member states to encourage national authorities to indicate their interest in specific programmes and projects they wish to undertake independently or collectively in pursuit of the goals, programmes and activities of the OIC-2025. In this regard, the General Secretariat shall coordinate with the national authorities, OIC institutions and the international partners and harmonize proposals, where necessary, to match the national priorities with the agreed goals of the OIC-2025. A coordination meeting of relevant stakeholders shall be convened to concretize the specific proposals received from the member states”. In this regard, the General Secretariat has addressed two communications to the member states and received replies from some. It shall undertake consultations with the interested member states after some more responses are received from them.

8. Periodic review and evaluation of the implementation of the OIC-2025 is another essential tool as we move forward in the implementation phase. The 46<sup>th</sup> session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Resolution 1/46-PoA) recognized the significance of this exercise and mandated the Secretary General to organize mid-term review in 2020 with a view to assessing the impact of OIC programmes and activities towards the realization of the agreed goals and objectives of the Programme of Action. The mid-term review would contribute in strengthening the OIC’s framework of cooperation and partnership as well as reinforce the implementation process in the coming years.

9. In order to undertake the mid-term review in a professional manner, a comprehensive document titled, 'Road to 2025: Gains, Challenges and Opportunities' is being prepared. SESRIC being the central body for collection and dissemination of socio-economic statistics of the OIC member states, is currently engaged in preparing a well-structured report on the subject. The report shall take stock of the progress in realizing 107 goals in 18 priority areas and suggest, where necessary, ways and means for accelerating the process in the remaining years till 2025. The General Secretariat shall circulate this report as a working document for the consideration of the member states and the relevant OIC institutions including the standing committees and invite their observations to further enrich the document.

10. The OIC's framework of cooperation and partnership draws its strength from the deep rooted political, religious and cultural affinities among the people in its member states. Their belief in shared future, comradeship and solidarity make a strong case for intra-OIC cooperation. The OIC-2025 defines the necessary goal posts in this direction and provide a ready platform for harnessing the agreed goals. In this regard, some positive trends have been recorded in various surveys. These include: 30 out of 39 OIC countries with data available have recorded decrease in the share of people living in extreme poverty in 2017; 48 countries have recorded growth in crop production index from 2000 to 2016; intra-OIC trade increased to US\$ 312 billion in 2017 and total intra-OIC exports increased to US\$ 350 billion in 2018; 32 OIC countries have reached target of intra-OIC trade share (25%) in 2018. The World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Index shows the average score of OIC member states rising to 57.4 from 52.2 during 2015-19. The number of scholarships has increased to 650 with 100 dedicated to 15 low income countries under the OIC Educational Exchange Programme. These figures by no means offer a comprehensive picture of the current state of affairs, but certainly project encouraging dividends of the Joint Islamic Action in the coming years.

11. In this context, the Final Communiqué of the 14<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit Conference (Makkah Al-Mukarramah, 31 May 2019) is of particular importance. The Summit Conference underlined the need for greater involvement and ownership of the member states through mainstreaming of the OIC programmes and activities in their national priorities. The Conference welcomed the decision to organize mid-term review of the Programme of Action in 2020 with a view to assessing

the impact of its programmes and activities towards the realization of its approved goals and objectives. This expression of support and encouragement, earlier by the 46<sup>th</sup> session of the Council of Foreign Ministers followed by the 14<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit Conference, signifies the commitment of the member states to working together for a shared future.

12. The OIC-2025 is in complete harmony with the broad UN approaches and strategies set forth in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The areas being pursued in the OIC-2025 and the 2030 Agenda are reflective of the shared perceptions of the two organizations on various key issues. The UNGA adopted Resolution 73/135 on 13 December 2018 which took note of the OIC-2025 and recognized the need for strengthening of practical cooperation and the building of complementarity between the UN, its specialized agencies, funds and programmes and the OIC, its subsidiary organs, specialized and affiliated institutions. It requested the secretariats of the two organizations to strengthen cooperation in addressing the social and economic issues that affect the efforts of member states to eradicate poverty, achieve sustainable development and realize internationally agreed goals.

13. The High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) which met under the auspices of the UN General Assembly on 24-25 September 2019 took stock of how far the world has come in realizing the 2030 Agenda. Also known as ‘the SDG Summit’, it recognized that the “world is not in track to meet the SDGs by 2030”. It however stated that “strong political will and revitalized multilateralism will be the determining factors in realizing the SDGs by 2030; no single State can advance sustainably without the collective support of other states.” In view of the complementarities between the 2030 Agenda and the OIC-2025; and all our states being member of both organizations, we need to strengthen partnerships among all stakeholders and work together for the collective good of all people on the road to 2025.

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# **OIC -2025: Programme of Action**

## **Implementation Status**

**2018 – 2019**



**LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

ASEAN	Association of South East Asian Nations	APCERT	Asian Pacific Computer Emergency Response Team	AU	African Union
AATB	Arab African Trade Board	CSW	Commission on Status of Women	CSOs	Civil Society Organizations
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	CTITF	Counter Terrorism Implementation Task Force	CDD	Community Driven Development
CIBAFI	Council of Islamic Banks and Financial Institutions	EU	European Union	GCTF	Global Counter Terrorism Task Force
GS	General Secretariat	IBRAF	Organization of Islamic Cooperation Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum	IPA	Investment Promotion Agencies
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
ICIEC	Islamic Corporation for Insurance of Investment & Export Credit	IICRA	International Islamic Centre for Reconciliation and Arbitration	ICCI	Islamic Committee of the International Crescent
IBU	Islamic Broadcasting Union	IIUM	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
IUMS	International Union of Muslim Scouts	ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross	IUIU	International Islamic University in Uganda
IMC	Islamic Medical Corps	ICANN	Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers	ISSF	Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation
ISF	Islamic Solidarity Fund	ISFD	Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development	KAICIID	King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Int. Center for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue
LAS	League of Arab States	NHRIS	National Human Rights Institutions	NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
OSCE	Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe	OHCHR	Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights	OPAAW	OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women
OCHA	United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs	OIC-CERT	OIC Computer Emergency Response Team	OICC	Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities
PFC	Permanent Finance Committee	PME-KSA	Presidency of Meteorology and Environment	PSCU	Peace Security and Conflict Resolution Unit

SHPA	Strategic Health Programme of Action	SDG	Sustainable Development Goal (UN)	SMIIC	Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries
STI	Science, Technology and Innovation	SESRIC	Statistical, Economic and Social Research Training Centre for Islamic Countries	TRC	Turkish Red Crescent
TOBB	Union of Chambers , Commodities & Exchanges of Turkey	TFA	Trade Facilitation Agreement	TIKA	Turkish Cooperation Agency
TPS-OIC	OIC Trade Preferential System	UNA	Union of OIC News Agencies	UNOSSC	United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation
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
UNHRC	United Nations Human Rights Council	USAID	United States Agency for International Development	UNRWA	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
WHO	World Health Organization	WTO	World Trade Organization	WAIPA	World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies
WSIS	World Summit on the Information Society				

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

**Goal 2.1.1**

- During the period under review, the situation in Palestine remained a major theme in the political activities of OIC and was pursued in all meetings and contacts with leaders and senior officials worldwide.
- OIC Six-member Committee on Palestine held its annual meeting on 25 September 2019 on the sidelines of the 74<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly and forwarded recommendations to the Annual Coordination Meeting of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers.
- General Secretariat (Palestine and Al-Quds Affairs Department) organized an Extraordinary Meeting at the Level of Foreign Ministers on 15 September 2019, at the request of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on the “Israeli Prime Minister’s stated intention to annex territories in the Occupied West Bank”.
- A seminar was held under the theme of “Half a Century of Occupation and Discrimination: For Justice and Accountability” on the margins of the 41<sup>st</sup> session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva on 9 July 2019, in coordination with the permanent observer missions of both the OIC and the State of Palestine to the UN in Geneva.
- International Symposium on Israeli settlement expansion policy, was organized on 6 March 2019 in cooperation with the European Parliament at Brussels. It was attended by a large number of European institutions supportive of the Palestinian people.
- A letter from Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Palestine, addressed to the High Contracting Parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention was circulated on 6 March 2019, to condemn the illegal Israeli measures and to press for the implementation of the Geneva Convention in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Al-Quds.
- General Secretariat (Palestine and Al-Quds Affairs Department) participated in the Extraordinary Session of the Conference of officials in charge of Palestinian Affairs in Arab countries, held at the headquarters of the League of Arab States, Cairo on 1 September 2019.
- General Secretariat (Palestine and Al-Quds Affairs Department) participated in the session of the Conference of Supervisors of Palestinian Affairs in Arab countries, held on 9-12 December 2018 at the Arab League headquarters in Cairo, Egypt, to review the latest developments concerning the Palestinian issue and Al Quds.
- Cultural event to celebrate the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, was organized at the OIC headquarters, on 6 December 2018 with the participation of the permanent representatives and diplomatic and consular missions in Jeddah.
- Extraordinary Meeting of the OIC Committee of Permanent Representatives of the OIC was organized on 6 December 2018 to discuss the Israeli discriminatory law labelled “the

national state law for the Jewish people” and its impact on the Palestinian people’s political and historical rights.

- Seminar under the theme of “the Racist Character of the Israeli Legislation” was organized by the OIC Representation Office to the State of Palestine on 5 November 2018 at Ramallah.
- SESRIC developed a concept note on “Al-Quds Portal”. The portal aims at creating authentic sources of information on Al Quds for different types of users around the world, and a central hub and archive to access all publicly available documents.
- ICYF organized a “photo exhibition on Al Quds Human faces” within the program of OIC Festival, to celebrate Al-Quds OIC Youth Capital 2019 on 7 February 2019 in Cairo/Egypt.
- On the sidelines of the closing ceremony of Al-Quds, the OIC Youth Capital 2018, which was held on March 2019 in Ankara/Turkey, the ICYF organized a brainstorming session with the Palestinian National Youth Council.
- ISESCO provided support to a number of educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Palestine and Al-Quds, on the occasion of the Celebration of Al-Quds Al-Sharif as Islamic Culture Capital, January-September 2019.
- ISESCO organized the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Archaeology Experts Committee in charge of preparing technical and legal reports on the Israeli aggression against Al-Aqsa Mosque and its vicinity, ISESCO headquarters, 3-4 April 2019.
- OICC participated in the preparatory meeting on developing a portal on Al-Quds Al-Sharif, which was implemented in cooperation with SESRIC, ISESCO, and the OIC.

### **Goal 2.1.2**

- National Conference on “the Role of the Palestinian Private Sector in supporting Al Quds’s resistance” was sponsored and organized by the OIC Representation Office in Palestine on 15 April 2019 to mobilize support for financing the Strategic Plan for Sectoral Development in Al Quds – 2018-2022.
- Chairman of the Kuwaiti Ministerial Council, Foreign Minister Sheikh Subah Khaled Al Ahmed al Subah, on the request of the OIC Secretary General announced Kuwait’s decision to support the annual budget of the State of Palestine through the allocation of US\$ 50 million.
- General Secretariat (Palestine and Al-Quds Affairs Department) circulated a report on 24 March 2019 regarding the Palestinian State’s stand rejecting the definition given by the “International Coalition for the Commemoration of the Holocaust” urging the European States to abstain from adopting the said definition in their legislations.
- General Secretariat (Palestine and Al-Quds Affairs Department) coordinated with the Islamic Development Bank on 10 March 2019 regarding the setting up of a joint committee for the establishment of the “Development Fund in Support of the Palestine Refugees” in implementation of the relevant resolution issued by the 46<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of

Foreign Ministers. The account number of this Fund was duly circulated to the OIC member states.

- Note Verbale was circulated to all Member States on 6 March 2019 requesting them to condemn the Israeli illegal measures and to exercise pressure towards getting the Geneva Agreement applied in the occupied Palestinian territories including Eastern Al Quds.
- OIC Secretary General addressed a letter to the High Commissioner of UNRWA to affirm the OIC's sustained commitment to supporting the Agency and to mobilize support for the renewal of the mandate assigned to it by the UN General Assembly.
- ISESCO organized a training session for the benefit of media trainers in Palestine, Ramallah, 30 June-2 July 2019.
- ISESCO arranged a training workshop on the solid waste management and recycling, Palestine (Jenin, Tulkarm, Hebron, Nablus), 4-11 September 2019.
- ISESCO provided financial support for the organization of an exhibition of books, photographs and paintings on the city of Al-Quds throughout history as part of its celebration as the capital of Islamic Culture in 2019, Beirut, 14-15 September 2019.
- General Secretariat (Palestine and Al-Quds Affairs Department) participated in the consultative meeting held on 12 December 2018 at the Arab League General Secretariat headquarters to elaborate a concept paper for joint OIC-Arab League-African Union mechanism to follow up all matters related to the Palestinian issue in international fora.
- General Secretariat (Palestine and Al-Quds Affairs Department) attended the 92<sup>nd</sup> Session of the contact officers of the Regional Offices for the Boycott of Israel, convened on 4-6 December 2018 at the headquarters of the League of Arab States.
- Training Workshop on public health and safety was co-organized in coordination with the Palestinian Ministry of labor and the Palestinian Handicraft Union through the OIC representation office in Palestine, on 7-8 November 2018.
- SESRIC organized "Study Visit of Palestinian Delegation to Turkey on Corporate Social Responsibility" in Ankara on 26-28 February 2019 in coordination with OIC Ramallah Office, for the benefit of managers and experts from government, private sector and civil society.
- Union of OIC New Agencies (UNA) has developed a special window on its website to follow up the developments of the Palestinian cause and the dissemination of its news in the three languages (Arabic, English and French) among the member news agencies.
- UNA participated in the 7<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in the Turkish city of Istanbul on 18 May 2018, to discuss the repercussions of the grave situation in Palestine, which witnessed an escalation in the Israeli crimes against the Palestinian people.
- UNA has prepared a 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), with view to preparing necessary reports on developments in the Palestinian arena.

- Bahraini Minister of Information Affairs received on 29 November 2018 the Assistant Director General of UNA, in the presence of the Director General of Bahrain New Agency (BNA). The two sides reviewed ways to enhance cooperation among member agencies, in order to contribute to building a unified media position towards supporting the just Islamic issues and rights, especially the Palestinian cause.

### **Goal 2.1.3**

- Islamic Committee of International Crescent (ICIC) in response to an appeal launched by the Palestinian Red Crescent Society offered financial contribution to assist the Palestinian people victims of Israeli aggressions.
- ICYF organized The Grand Closing Ceremony of “Al-Quds Al-Sharif-OIC Youth Capital 2018” International Programme, in cooperation with the Higher Council for Youth and Sports of the State of Palestine and the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Turkey. The program held throughout the year included the establishment of the Palestinian National Youth Council, Media Training Camp and Human Faces of Al-Quds Photo Contest and Exhibitions.
- ICYF in partnership with the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Palestine organized a solidarity day for Palestine, more than 40 students from Palestine and OIC member states came together to discuss the issues related to humanitarian, economic and social issues of Palestinian youth.
- IRCICA carried out research programs as part of various on-going activities highlighting social and cultural life and historical facts in support of preservation of the Islamic history, Islamic identity and cultural heritage of Al-Quds and Palestine.
- IRCICA published 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. Volumes VII (1800-1809), VIII (1810-1829) and IX (1830-1905) have been published in 2019.
- IRCICA launched research project in 2018-2019 to record and study the information contained in the official land registries of Palestine dating from the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.
- Research project is under way from 2019 to collect the Ottoman firmans (Ottoman Sultans decrees) on Al-Quds, study them and publish their translations, as first-hand historical sources for the use of researchers.
- Series of books on Sharia Court Registers of Jerusalem: 7 other registers were studied and published in 2019, bringing the total number of volumes published in this series to 28. They reflect administrative, economic and social aspects of Al-Quds history.
- IRCICA continued long term program aiming to monitor and develop scholarly research and suggestions towards improving life standards and welfare of the people of Al-Quds and Palestine and preserving their Islamic identity and cultural heritage.

- IRCICA arranged exhibitions of historical photographs of Al-Quds on different occasions. The exhibit has been enlarged with the addition of photographs of the present situation of sites and monuments seen in historical ones.
- IRCICA organized 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.
- ISESCO organized a workshop on raising awareness of and preserving Palestinian national heritage, Al-Quds, September 2019.
- ISESCO awarded encouragement prize to artisans in the Islamic Culture Capital Al-Quds Al-Sharif 2019.
- Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) has allocated an independent budget line to Palestine within its annual budget. ISF contributed and continues to support social, educational and health-related institutions with many humanitarian and social projects. The Fund’s total support to the Palestinian people amounted to US\$ 1,387,000 for 2018-2019.
- Open-Ended Extraordinary Meeting of the OIC Executive Committee at the Level of Foreign Ministers was held on 17 July 2019 to examine the Israeli violations in the Holy City of Al Quds/Jerusalem, under the chairmanship of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- Sixth international conference on Al Quds was held in partnership between the United Nations and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, with the attendance of the World Church Council to shed light on ways to preserve the cultural and religious identity of Al Quds, in Geneva on 27 June 2019.
- OIC Secretary General addressed a letter on 25 February 2019 to H.E. Dr. Mishaal Bin Fahd Al Salmi, Chairman of the Arab Parliament, stressing the need for coordination and joint action to face up the designs seeking to alter the current political and legal status of the occupied Syrian Arab Golan.
- General Secretariat (Palestine and Al-Quds Affairs Department) circulated a communication on 3 February 2019 regarding the difficulties faced by Palestinian hospitals in Al Quds / Jerusalem due to the Israeli occupation’s policies at all levels, particularly in the wake of the recent decision taken by the US Government to stop its annual 25 million dollar assistance.
- Correspondence between the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of the State of Kuwait, addressed to the Brazilian Prime Minister, was circulated to all OIC Member States, seeking reconsideration of the Brazilian stand towards the Palestinian issue and stressing the need to preserve the established political and juridical status of Al Quds / Jerusalem.
- Communication was circulated to all Member States by the General Secretariat on 15 January 2019 concerning the measures proposed at the political and economic levels that may be taken against those states that may adopt illegal steps to alter the historical and juridical status of the city of Al Quds / Jerusalem.
- Letter was addressed on 9 January 2019 from the OIC Secretary General to the Brazilian president-elect expressing the OIC’s concern regarding the latter’s intention to move the

Brazilian embassy to Al Quds and inviting him to reconsider this illegal step which would compromise relations with the Islamic world and undermine the chances of achieving a comprehensive, lasting and just solution between the Palestinians and the Israelis on the basis of the Two-State solution.

- Australian ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and special envoy to the OIC, was received on 19 December 2018, to express the OIC's stand in rejection of Australia's recognition of Western Al Quds/ Jerusalem as an alleged capital for Israel, as a step that contravenes international law and relevant UN Security Council resolutions.
- General Secretariat (Palestine and Al-Quds Affairs Department) participated in the meeting of the Open-Ended Committee set up by the League of Arab States to explore mechanisms to ensure the necessary funding for the implementation of the 2018-2022 strategic development plan for the vital sectors in Al Quds, which was held on 21-22 November 2019 at the Arab League headquarters.
- Cultural event on the City of Al Quds / Jerusalem was sponsored and co-organized in the US capital, Washington, on 2-3 November 2018, in partnership with the Christian Ecumenical Foundation for the Holy Land, to spotlight the religious and historical standing of Al Quds / Jerusalem for both Muslims and Christians.
- Al Quds Committee, under the chairmanship of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, has been exerting its efforts to highlight the importance of Al Quds Al-Sharif for both Muslims and Christians, while insisting on the need to preserve the City's holy sites and to make no change in its internationally recognized legal status.
- Bayt Mal Al-Quds Alsharif Agency, under the personal supervision of the Chairman of Al-Quds Committee, has been implementing housing, health, educational and social projects for the benefit of Al-Quds city, with a view to supporting the resilience of Palestinian citizens, and preserving the cultural identity of the Holy City.
- General Secretariat (Palestine and Al-Quds Affairs Department) remained engaged with IsDB on matters of financial support for developmental programs and plans in Palestine and Al-Quds for the economic empowerment of the Palestinian people.
- General Secretariat (Palestine and Al-Quds Affairs Department) remained engaged with Islamic Solidarity Fund for a year-round financial support package of health, cultural and educational programs in partnership with the civil-society institutions operating in Palestine and al-Quds al-Sharif.
- SESRIC conducted several activities during 2019 for the benefit of State of Palestine, which include:
  - Training Course on "Treated Wastewater Reuse" in Ramallah, Palestine.
  - Medical Observership Programme for Palestinian Doctors in Istanbul, Turkey.
  - Workshop on "Digital Skills Development in OIC Countries".
  - Study Visit on "IT Security in National Statistical Office Setting.



- SESRIC Report on “Human Rights Standards and Institutions in OIC Countries” investigates the human rights violations toward Muslims in the Occupied Palestinian Territories as well as Myanmar and the Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir.
- UNA participated and provided media coverage during the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of ISESCO General Conference (known as Al-Quds Al-Sharif Session) held in Morocco’s capital Rabat on 11-12 October 2018.

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

**Goal 2.2.1**

- ISESCO organized a forum to activate the role of civil society to counter hate speech and racial discrimination, Amsterdam, 14-15 September 2019.
- General Secretariat (PSCU) continued to project OIC’s policy on CT/CVE at various regional and international forums and conferences and meetings during 2018-19.
- Engagements further strengthened with regional and international bodies in the field of CT and CVE.
- UNA participated in a training workshop on dismantling and delegitimizing extremist discourse promoted by terrorist and extremist forces via the Internet and social networking sites. The workshop was organized on 6 February 2018 at the OIC Center for Dialogue, Peace and Understanding (Sawt Al-Hikma).
- UNA is working, in cooperation with the Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU), to produce radio reports to deepen the societal awareness of the religious and humanitarian commitment to the issues of the Islamic Ummah. These reports will also sensitize the people about the OIC activities, and contribute to combating the extremist and terrorist discourse as well as the phenomenon of Islamophobia.
- Meeting was held at the UNA headquarters on 30 July 2018 between UNA and the International Center of Excellence for Countering Violent Extremism (Hedayah Center), based in Abu Dhabi. During the meeting, the two sides discussed mutual cooperation in the implementation of joint projects in the face of hate speech and extremism.
- Meeting was held in the Egyptian capital, Cairo, on 17 September 2018 between the Grand Mufti of Egypt, and the UNA Director General, Issa Robleh. They discussed cooperation in addressing the “Takfiri Fatwas” issued by extremist groups, as well as the exchange of experiences between the Egyptian House of Fatwas (Dar al-Ifta al Misryyah) and the Union.

**Goal 2.2.2**

- General Secretariat (PSCU) prepared the draft of the additional protocol to the OIC Convention on Combating Terrorism in cooperation with UN during 2019. Once finalized, it will be circulated to member states for their consideration.

- Intergovernmental meeting of OIC legal experts shall be convened to adopt the final draft additional protocol.
- PSCU plans to organize two events to enhance capacity building of member states on counter-terrorism during 2019-2020: (a) training programme for legal experts in practicing counter terrorism laws in Member States, (b) programme for financial and technical experts in implementing the OIC Convention on Combating Terrorism.

### **Goal 2.2.3**

- OIC and KAICIID share common goals, and work together for promoting interfaith harmony, tolerance and moderation around the world.
- Two important joint activities were successfully organized by General Secretariat (Dialogue and Outreach Department) with KAICIID and the Network of Religious and Traditional Peacemakers: 1. Buddhist-Muslim dialogue in the Kingdom of Thailand; and 2. Interfaith dialogue on Central African Republic in the Republic of Senegal. Follow up actions emanating from these events are in hand now.
- General Secretariat (Dialogue and Outreach Department) in cooperation with KAICIID is preparing to organize: Interreligious (Buddhist-Muslim) Dialogue in Jakarta, on 16-19 December 2019 aimed at finding innovative solutions which may manage and mitigate violent fault lines affecting societies in the region, including the ‘Buddhists and Muslim tensions’.
- General Secretariat (Dialogue and Outreach Department) and KAICIID are working to arrange meeting of Central African Republic (CAR) Muslim Leaders in Makkah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to build consensus among Muslim groups in the CAR.
- SESRIC prepared a report on “Towards Understanding Radicalism & Violent Extremism in OIC Countries” on 3 September 2019.
- International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) participated in the seminar on the role of religious education in the promotion of peace in Rabat from 24 to 25 April 2019. The recommendations of the seminar were adopted by the IIFA Council in its meeting in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from 4 to 6 November 2019.
- IIFA participated in the 29<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs in Cairo and presented a paper entitled “The Role and Effect of Discourse on the Prevention of Extremism and Terrorism”, 19-20 January 2019.

### **Goal 2.2.4**

- Reports on Islamophobia are prepared by the General Secretariat on monthly and annual basis.
- General Secretariat (Dialogue and Outreach Department) evaluates the trend of Islamophobia, makes assessment on the situation of Islamophobia in every three months.

- An emergency meeting at the ministerial level was held in Istanbul on 22 March 2019 to discuss the terrorist attack against innocent Muslims on 15 March 2019 in Christchurch City, New Zealand. A set of recommendation for addressing the on-going situation related to Islamophobia and violent acts by the far right groups was approved.
- General Secretariat (Dialogue & Outreach Department) highlighted the fundamental principles of combating intolerance and hatred based on religious belief as stipulated in the UN resolution 16/18 in the speeches of the HESG and other officials, as part of its continual campaign against xenophobia and all forms of discrimination.
- General Secretariat (Dialogue and Outreach Department) contributed to the EU-OIC Bilateral Consultations, held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 25 March 2019 during which subjects related to Islamophobia were discussed.
- General Secretariat organized the first meeting of the Contact Group on Peace and Dialogue held in Jakarta, the Republic of Indonesia, on 29-30 July 2019. The Meeting approved by consensus, a Draft Plan of Action which was then adopted in New York on the sidelines of the 74<sup>th</sup> Session of UNGA, by Ministers of the members of Contact Group on Peace and Dialogue.
- General Secretariat (Dialogue and Outreach Department) is now working to implement Paragraph 67 of the Final Communiqué of the OIC Summit held in Mecca on 31 May 2019 mandating the OIC to devise a comprehensive strategy to combat Islamophobia. The actions are being taken in close collaboration with the Political Affairs Department (Muslim Minorities) and the IPHRC.
- A draft comprehensive strategy is now ready for consideration by the stakeholders.
- As the main initiator of Resolution 16/18, the OIC has been relentlessly working towards the full implementation of the resolution through the Istanbul Process, including through active participation and contribution at the 7th Session of the Istanbul Process held in The Hague, the Netherlands, on 18-19 November 2019. The General Secretariat (Dialogue and Outreach Department) continued to work closely with the international community for the success of this political process.
- ISESCO held a training session on ways to interact with Muslim young people in Belgium to protect them from the dangers of extremist media discourse, Brussels, 21-23 February 2019.
- UNA signed the “Charter of News Agencies for Tolerance” on 12 February 2019. The Charter aims to promote tolerance values in the contents of the Arab and international media outlets, based on UAE’s announcement of 2019 as the Year of Tolerance.
- Work in progress by IIFA to publish a book on Islamophobia, including the IIFA Council’s resolution on this issue, as well as a call for the adoption by the UN of a resolution criminalizing the phenomenon of Islamophobia.

### **Goal 2.2.5**

- IRCICA took initiatives in partnership with professionals, academicians and other groups of society from different cultural backgrounds around themes of multicultural significance,

world heritage, world economic history, science in civilizations, to promote multicultural acquaintances and understanding.

- ISESCO organized workshop on promoting youth capacities to counter hatred discourse, Abidjan, 8-10 May 2019.
- PSCU will organize special events in colleges and universities to encourage youth forums in combating extremism.
- PSCU will organize a follow up workshop on capacity building programs on CT and CVE for diplomats, youth and CSOs.
- UNA participated in the International Muslim Youth Conference, organized under the theme “The role of Muslim Youths in the Africa of Tomorrow” by the World Muslim Communities Council together with the Uganda Muslim Supreme Council (UMSC) Kampala on 26-28 April 2019.

#### **Goal 2.2.6**

- OIC-CERT has been engaged in creating and enhancing a common set of standards, policies, procedures and regulations for OIC-CERT to address the issue of cyber security and cyber-crimes. Its focus is two-fold:
- Creating communication channels and communication protocols for incident handling among the OIC-CERT members and partners.
- OIC-CERT has an interactive portal that provides the members with a platform that facilitate communication and information sharing.
- Development of the OIC-CERT cyber security standard operating policies, procedures and best practices.
- Two new guidelines are currently being developed (2019): (i) Internet of Things (IoT) Security Guidelines (ii) Industrial Control System (ICS) Security Guidelines.
- Guidelines developed in 2018 include:
- Security Framework and Model for Organizational Architecture.
- Security & Privacy Guidelines for Online Social Work.
- Security Requirements for Smartphone App Stores.

#### **Goal 2.2.7**

- OIC-CERT Annual Cyber Drill is conducted every year. The objective of the drill is to test and evaluate the readiness of the communication capabilities of the OIC-CERT members.
- OIC-CERT Annual Cyber Drill 2019 was hosted by the Oman National CERT (OCERT), and was conducted on 17 September 2019 with participating members as follows:

Bangladesh, Brunei, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Tunisia.

- Asia Pacific Computer Emergency Response Team (APCERT) representatives and the African Computer Emergency Response Team (AfricaCERT) representatives also participated in this drill.
- OIC-CERT and the APCERT has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate in the areas 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.
- For the 2019 APCERT Annual Cyber Drill was conducted on 31 July 2019, three (3) OIC-CERT) member countries took part in the drill as follows:  
Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia
- For the 2018 APCERT Annual Cyber Drill, nine (9) OIC-CERT member countries took part in the drill as follows:  
Brunei, Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Malaysia, Morocco, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan,
- OIC-CERT Malware Research and Coordination Facility: this is a collaborative project among the OIC-CERT members to share malware threat research, analysis and response to protect the community against malware threats. This project provides an overview of the cyber threat landscape for the OIC-CERT community.

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

#### **Goals 2.3.1 to 2.3.4**

##### **Goal 2.3.1**

- Sawt al-Hikmah (Voice of Wisdom) is a flagship initiative of the General Secretariat, amid growing influence of extremist movements and the rapid spread of their ideas through the social media. The OIC provides all administrative and financial means to facilitate the exercise by the Centre of its functions and activities.
- Sawt al-Hikma Center runs 11 social media accounts in three official OIC languages, with more than 800,000 followers around the world, the number of followers grows daily as the center produces an attractive counter narratives content. The reach rate of the center accounts exceeded 50 million reach in the period between February-October 2019.
- Sawt al-Hikma Centre launched a series of symposia for the Member States to present and exchange their efforts and experiences on countering extremism and terrorism. In this regard, the General Secretariat convened the first such symposium in June 2018, with the participation of Hidayah Centre. The second symposium was with the participation of three Saudi centers. The third one took place in December 2018, with the participation of four Member States: Turkey, Egypt, Morocco and Pakistan. The fourth is taking place in December 2019 where the experience of Nigeria, Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso will be highlighted.

- Sawt al-Hikma organized an international conference on countering terrorism, in Riyadh on 09-10 April 2019 themed about the best practices of countering terrorism through education.
- The second international conference took place in Mogadishu on 29-30 April and was themed about the Intellectual security and its role in preventing terrorism, the two international conferences achieved tremendous success.
- Sawt al-Hikma prepared three books in 2019 on countering terrorism and the role of the OIC in countering terrorism.
- General Secretariat signed a number of cooperation agreements between the Centre and specialized anti-extremism and counterterrorism centres. These agreements provide for supporting the Centre and coordinating international Islamic efforts in the fight against this phenomenon. In November 2018, the General Secretariat concluded a cooperation agreement with the Prince Khalid Al-Faisal Institute for Moderation. In the same period, the General Secretariat signed a cooperation agreement with Sawab Centre of the UAE Foreign Ministry. In April 2019, the General Secretariat signed a cooperation agreement with Nayf Arabic University for Security Sciences in order to expand the Centre's network with specialized international centres.
- ISESCO organized a training session for the imams and preachers on ways to use media technology to publicize Islam's middle stance and moderation, Conakry, 24-25 February 2019.
- ISESCO organized a Forum of the Heads of the Islamic Cultural Centers and Associations outside the Islamic World, New Zealand 5-6 July 2019.

### **Goal 2.3.2**

- General Secretariat (Dialogue and Outreach Department) continued to develop the theme of 'China-Muslim World Rapprochement', by promoting relations between China and the Muslim world, mainly through inter-civilizational and inter-cultural dialogue;
- OIC is also working on the similar 'rapprochement' with Russia which is known as the main representative of the 'Orthodox' civilization. A joint event on dialogue is proposed by the beginning of 2020 in Moscow, Russia.
- In addition, the General Secretariat (Dialogue and Outreach Department) plans to initiate a series of rapprochement events between the Muslim World and Western Societies, Africa Interfaith Dialogue Forum, as well as between the Muslim World and Hindu Civilization.
- General Secretariat (Dialogue and Outreach Department) continued to maintain close contact with the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) in its work and activities.
- General Secretariat (Dialogue and Outreach Department) continued to engage and collaborate with the AOC on concrete actions in the area of Education, Youth, and Media; and more particularly efforts in combating intolerance, stereotypes, prejudices, and discrimination.

- Bilateral meeting between the OIC Secretary General and the High Representative for the UNAOC was held on 23 September 2019 on the sidelines of the 74<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly.
- A Plan of Action has been jointly developed and agreed with KAICIID including series of programmes and activities to promote intra-faith, interreligious, intercultural, and inter-civilizational dialogues around the world.
- Establishing a more solid alliance with the Network of Religious and Traditional Peacemakers (NETW). A consultation meeting was held in the OIC General Secretariat in Jeddah on the 17 October 2018, where elements required for a sustainable cooperation between the two institutions were elaborated.
- IRCICA organized International Conference on “Improving the Interfaith and Inter-Civilizational Dialogue to Cooperation” at Berlin, 19 November 2019.
- IRCICA organized International conference on “Saduaqas Ghilmani and the Great Steppe Scholars”, in Astana, 15 February 2019.
- IRCICA organized international conference on “Islamic Civilization in West Africa”, Abuja, 19-20 October 2018.
- IRCICA made presentations at the conferences held within the Cultural Heritage Week in Uzbekistan, in Tashkent, Bukhara and Samarkand, 22-29 August 2019.
- IRCICA’s 11<sup>th</sup> International Calligraphy Competition conducted on 20 April 2019.
- IRCICA Southeast Asian Calligraphy Competition” conducted in Singapore, 17-20 November 2018.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Architectural School on “Islamic Urban Heritage: Research, Preservation, Management” was conducted in Konya on 22 June – 5 July 2019.
- ISESCO organized a workshop on raising awareness about common human values and empowering religious leaders on issues of building more tolerant and just societies, Cairo, 21-23 April 2019.
- ISESCO organized a workshop for educational inspectors and counsellors on developing teaching methods of Islamic education and activating its role in entrenching the values of moderation, middle stance and co-existence, Conakry, 25-28 March 2019.
- ISESCO organized the 7<sup>th</sup> Session of the Consultative Council for Cultural development in the Islamic World, Tunis, 20-21 September 2019.
- ISESCO celebrated Islamic Culture Capitals for 2019 (Al-Quds, Tunis, Bandar Seri Begawan and Bissau), January-December 2019.
- ISESCO organized the 11<sup>th</sup> session of Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, Tunis 17-19 December 2019.
- UNA participated and provided media coverage during the 6<sup>th</sup> Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions, held in Kazakhstan’s capital, Astana, on October 10-11, under the theme of “Religious Leaders for a Safe World”.

- UNA participated in the activities of the International Conference on Islamic Unity, organized by the Muslim World League (MWL) under the theme “the Perils of Labelling and Exclusion”, in Makkah on 13 December 2018.

### **Goal 2.3.3**

- ICYF organized a cultural trip for students and teachers from Saudi Al Handak schools on 5 April 2019. The trip was designed to create a “Conception of Civilization” for students by realizing the historical, cultural and natural beauties of Turkey.
- IRCICA organized international conference on “Islamic History and Civilization in West Africa” Niamey, 14-15 March 2019, under the patronage of the President of Niger.
- IRCICA organized international conference on “Islamic History and Civilization in Central Africa”, N’djamena, 13-14 December 2019.
- IRCICA organized international symposium on “Islamic Civilization in Caucasia”, Baku, Azerbaijan, 11-12 July 2019.
- ISESCO co-organized Forum of Young Muslim Leadership in Oxford, UK, 11-12 September 2019.
- ISESCO organized a workshop on promoting social dialogue and cohesion as part of joint Islamic cultural action, Kuwait 15-17 September 2019.
- ISESCO launched the initiative of proclaiming 2019 as the year of heritage in the Islamic world, 2019.
- UNA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) on 14 February 2018 to enhance cooperation in the areas of competence, particularly in combating the discourse of extremism, hyperbole and hatred, and highlighting the true image of Islam and Islamic culture, especially beyond the Muslim World.
- Meeting was held at the Union headquarters on 15 February 2019 between UNA and Prince Khaled Al Faisal Center for Moderation. The two sides discussed various aspects of cooperation in promoting middle path and moderation in Islamic countries.
- Meeting was held in Cairo, on 18 September 2018 between the Egyptian Ministry of Culture and UNA Director General. They discussed means of supporting the programs of the Union in defending Islamic culture, correcting the image of Islam and Muslims, and addressing the rhetoric of violence and hatred, as well as supporting the UNA Media Delegations Program, which contributes in conveying the true image of Islamic countries to each other.
- UNA participated in the 30<sup>th</sup> General Conference “State Building Jurisprudence .... A Modern Jurisprudential Vision”, organized by the Egyptian Ministry of Awqaf on 15-16 September 2019. During the conference, UNA Director-General delivered a scientific paper on “The Role of News Agencies in strengthening the national state discourse”.
- UNA participated in the OIC Festival held on 24-27 April 2019 in Abu Dhabi. The Union participated in the festival through the establishment of a photo exhibition, which contained



pictures from the member news agencies, highlighting the manifestations of tolerance in the societies throughout the Muslim countries.

- World Federation of Arabic and Islamic International Schools (WFAIIS) undertook series of projects to teach Arabic as Foreign Language (AFL) and Train the Trainers courses in Egypt during 2019.
- WFAIIS International Seminar on (Role of Arabic and Islamic international Schools in promoting moderation and coexistence values) is scheduled in Lebanon during 2019-20.
- WFAIIS undertook Feasibility Study on “Manarat” Project for Education, Culture and Arts (Educational Project Company) at Sulaymaniyah, Kurdistan, Republic of Iraq during 2018-2019.
- WFAIIS pursued establishment of AFL Teaching Centre at Astana in the Republic of Kazakhstan during 2018-2019.
- IRCICA arranged international conference on “History and Governance of Awqaf in South and Southeast Asia”, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 4-5 July 2018.
- IRCICA organized international conference on “Urban Artistic Heritage in the Islamic World”, Tunis, on 14-17 November 2019.
- IIFA participated in the conference of the Muslim World League entitled “Islamic Unity, the Dangers of Classification and Exclusion” from 12 to 13 December 2018.

#### **Goal 2.3.4**

- Efforts are underway with the ministries of Religious Affairs of member states to encourage consultations among the followers of different schools of thought with a view to promoting understanding, mutual tolerance and avoiding growing dissension in the Muslim societies.
- IRCICA organized international workshop on “Academic Islamic Studies in the Russian Federation: Current State and Perspectives” held in Saint-Petersburg, Russia, on 27 June 2019.
- IRCICA contributed paper to the scholarly and diplomatic session on “The Role of the Great Silk Road in Building Dialogue among Turkic Speaking Countries”, during the 5<sup>th</sup> World Forum on International Dialogue on 2-3 May 2019.
- IRCICA participated in international round-table on “Topical Issues of Studying History, Art and Culture in Tajikistan”, Dushanbe, 13 September 2019.
- IRCICA contributed to the international conference on “Islam in the Global World: Muslim heritage and intercultural dialogue”, Moscow, 23-24 September 2019.
- IRCICA conducted specific projects focusing on heritage under threat in conflict zones, including Syria, Nagorno-Karabagh, Jammu and Kashmir.
- Working meeting of Pakistani committee and IRCICA with report on cooperation for preservation of cultural heritage in Kashmir, IRCICA, 20 July 2018.

- IRCICA Organized an International Congress on “Islamic History, Culture and Heritage of Kashmir” in Islamabad on 4-5 April 2019
- ISESCO organized a workshop on cultural diversity and peace management, Bissau, October 2019.
- UNA participated in the activities of the International Research and Practice Conference, held on 25 March 2019 in the Russian capital Moscow, under the theme “Ways to achieve interreligious peace: the role of theologians.
- 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, the cost of violent extremism on the Muslim world, inter-faith dialogue and the causes of radicalization.
- IIFA participated in the International Conference on the Role of Ifta Authorities in Cairo and presented a paper entitled “International Academy of Islamic Fiqh and Management of Jurisprudential Disagreement – Experience and History” on 15-16 October 2019.
- The subject of “Tolerance in Islam and its Social and International Necessity and Effects” was discussed at the twenty-fourth session of IIFA held at Dubai on 4-6 November 2019. Seventeen papers were presented on the subject by IIFA members and experts.

#### **Priority Area 4: Peace and Security** **Goals 2.4.1 to 2.4.5**

##### **Goal 2.4.1**

- Being the collective voice of the Muslim world, the OIC is mandated to safeguard and protect the interests of the Muslim world in the spirit of promoting international peace and harmony among various peoples of the world.
- 46<sup>th</sup> CFM held in Abu Dhabi on 1-2 March 2019 adopted a resolution calling upon the member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to launch a process of reviewing the problems in interstate relations in the Islamic world, highlighting primarily common values and interests.
- Following the relevant CFM resolution, an OIC Contact Group on Peace and Dialogue has been established in order to develop best solutions for challenges of radicalism, extremism, sectarianism, religious discrimination, Islamophobia, xenophobia, statelessness and terrorism, as well as promotion of mutual understanding and moderation.
- OIC Contact Group on Peace and Dialogue held its second meeting in New York on the sidelines of the 74<sup>th</sup> UNGA and reaffirmed the OIC’s unequivocal rejection or justification of recourse to hatred, violence and intolerance on the basis of misguided religious beliefs, thus jeopardizing global peace and security.
- General Secretariat (Department of Political Affairs) took part in the 4<sup>th</sup> Conference on Inter-cultural Dialogue and Prevention of Radicalism and Violence, on 7 November 2019, in Prague. This reflects OIC’s efforts to engage new partners on issues of mutual interest.

- UNA conducted a training workshop on 3-4 October 2018 through “UNA training Center” on enhancing intellectual security and fighting money laundering and terrorism, which benefited journalists, intellectuals, community leaders and security personnel.
- ICYF organized a “Diplomatic Training Programme on Resilience as a Peace building Practice” for more than 60 students as Side-Event of the Commonwealth Youth Dialogue Conference on 2 April 2019 in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia.
- ISESCO co-organized an international conference on “Ways to Achieve Inter-Religious Peace: The Role of Theologians, Diplomats and Public Figures” Moscow, 25 March 2019.
- ISESCO organized a symposium on the Role of Religious Education in Promoting Peace, ISESCO HQ, 23-24 April 2019.

#### **Goal 2.4.2**

- 46<sup>th</sup> CFM held in Abu Dhabi on 1-2 March 2019 adopted a resolution calling for peaceful resolution of Jammu and Kashmir on the basis of relevant UN Security Council resolutions.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al Mukarramah on 31 May 2019 reaffirmed its principled support for the people of Jammu and Kashmir for the realization of their legitimate right to self-determination, in accordance with the relevant UN resolutions.
- OIC welcomed the Report by the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, entitled “Update of the Situation of Human Rights in Indian-Administered Kashmir and Pakistan-Administered Kashmir from May 2018 to April 2019” and its recommendations for the establishment of a Commission of Inquiry to address allegations of human rights violations in Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir.
- A number of press releases have been issued reaffirming the internationally recognized status of Jammu and Kashmir, expressing concern over the deteriorating situation in Jammu and Kashmir and human rights violation especially after the revoke of Article 370 of Indian Constitution by the Indian Government.
- An emergency meeting of the OIC Contact Group on Jammu & Kashmir was held in Jeddah on 6 August 2019 to review the recent developments in the Indian occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IoK). The meeting issued a communiqué calling for an immediate solution of the crisis.
- OIC Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir met on 25 September 2019 at the Ministerial level, in New York, on the sidelines of the 74<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly. The meeting issued a communiqué calling for an immediate solution of the crisis on the basis of relevant UN resolutions.

#### **Goal 2.4.3**

- 46<sup>th</sup> CFM held in Abu Dhabi on 1-2 March 2019 adopted a resolution calling for an immediate end of Armenian aggression against Azerbaijan on the basis of relevant UN Security Council, OIC and other Resolutions.

- 14<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al Mukarramah on 31 May 2019 reiterated its principled position on condemnation of the aggression of the Republic of Armenia against the Republic of Azerbaijan, reaffirmed that acquisition of territory by use of force is inadmissible under the UN Charter and international law, and urged for strict implementation of relevant UN Security Council resolutions and for immediate, complete and unconditional withdrawal of the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia from Nagorno-Karabakh region and other occupied territories.
- OIC Contact Group on the aggression of the Republic of Armenia against the Republic of Azerbaijan met on 23 September 2019 at the Ministerial level on the sidelines of the Annual Coordination Meeting in New York.

#### **Goal 2.4.4**

- Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) offered financial assistance of US\$ 50,000 to the Ministry of Health of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus to purchase, at their request, an advanced X-Ray device.
- The 46<sup>th</sup> CFM adopted a resolution on the situation of Cyprus reiterating its support to the efforts of the Turkish Cypriot Leader and the Greek Cypriot Leader to reach a negotiated settlement. It called upon the international community to encourage both sides, Turkish Cypriot side and Greek Cypriot side to work constructively for an early comprehensive solution to the Cyprus issue.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al Mukarramah on 31 May 2019 reaffirmed all previous support resolutions of the Islamic Conferences on the question of Cyprus, which expressed firm support for the rightful cause of the Muslim Turkish Cypriots, and for the constructive efforts to attain a just and mutually acceptable settlement.

#### **Goal 2.4.5**

- Seminar on Islamic Rapprochement Initiative was organized in Kazakhstan on 22-24 April 2019.
- First Meeting of Contact Group on Peace and Dialogue was held in Jakarta on 29 July 2019.
- Contact Group on Peace and Dialogue at the Ministerial level was held in New York on 23 September 2019. The Meeting adopted the Plan of Action on Islamophobia, religious discrimination, intolerance and hatred towards Muslims.
- OIC Contact Group of Friends of Mediation held a meeting at the level of Permanent Representatives on 27 June 2019 at the General Secretariat, to discuss preparation of a Code of Contact for Mediators and to form a network of OIC mediators, special envoys and experts for strengthening mediation capacity of the OIC.
- Brainstorming Session on Developing a Mediators Guideline for a ‘Code of Conduct’ focusing on Culturally Sensitive Mediation Approaches, was organized at SESRIC Headquarters, Ankara on 13 September 2019.

- Third OIC Member States Conference on Mediation was held in Istanbul, 1 November 2019.

**Priority Area 5: Environment, Climate Change and Sustainability**  
**Goals 2.5.1 to 2.5.4**

**Goal 2.5.1**

- General Secretariat (Science and Technology Department) participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Islamic Executive Bureau of Environment (IEBE) held at the ISESCO headquarters in Rabat from 19-20 April, 2019.
- IsDB and UNESCWA are working to convene soon a regional workshop on how to effectively mainstream Climate Action into countries' national development plans in the MENA region.
- ISESCO organized the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of Islamic Executive Bureau for Environment, ISESCO HQ, 20 April 2019.
- SESRIC issued "OIC Environment Report 2019" on 1 March 2019. It discusses major environmental issues and challenges of OIC member countries in the context of degradation of natural resources like air, water, land and biodiversity.
- Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities (OICC) participated in organizing the 29<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Protecting the Environment is Necessity of life," which was held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt on 20-22 April 2019. The event was held alongside workshops on:
  - Impact of climate change
  - Petroleum, energy and the environment
  - Role of universities in environmental protection
  - Water resources and the environment
  - Economy and green technology
  - Quality in the field of the environment
- OICC participated in the 18<sup>th</sup> General Conference and 56<sup>th</sup> Session of the Executive Council of the Arab Cities Organization on 24-25 June 2019, held under the patronage of His Majesty King Abdullah II Ibn Al-Hussein King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.
- OICC participated in the Urban Forum of the Marmara Municipalities Union held in Istanbul from 1-3 October 2019. The workshops were held on the following subjects:
  - The environment and climate change
  - Network of Cities
  - Urban technology and innovation
  - Local development

- Transportation and movement
- Social inclusiveness
- Urban infrastructure and Flexibility
- Housing and urban environment
- Public accountability
- Migration
- Governance

### **Goal 2.5.2**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers (ICEM) was held at the ISESCO headquarters in Rabat from 2-3 October 2019.
- ICEM adopted the strategy for the Activation of the Role of Cultural and Religious Factors in Protecting the Environment and Achieving of Sustainable Development”. It called for taking into considerations cultural and religious factors while preparing national plans to address economic, social and environmental challenges.
- Draft Guidance Document on Strengthening the Role of Youth and Civil Society in Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development was adopted by ICEM. It stressed the importance of involving the civil society and the youth in the preparation of programs and public awareness activities on environmental issues.
- Project of the establishment of the Islamic Network for Environmental Action and Sustainable Development was approved to be established within ISESCO;
- Second edition of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Award for Environmental Management in the Islamic World (KSAAEM) was presented. The Award is given to five categories, namely: Best individual or collective research achievement or practice in the environment and sustainable development.
- ISESCO Report on the Executive Work Plan for Natural Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in Member States was also adopted. ISESCO and UNESCO have agreed to finance updating of three national strategies, one each in Arab, African and Asian region.
- To promote the development of renewable energy sources in member states, COMSTECH co-organized a Workshop on Renewable Energy: Affordable and Clean Energy for all at UKM, Malaysia, 29-31 July 2019. This workshop is a continuation of the process of invigorating cooperation in renewable energy technologies initiated by COMSTECH in 2018.
- COMSTECH co-organized the International Workshop “Affordable & Clean Energy for All” at the University of Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), July 29-31, 2019.
- IsDB in coordination with ADB and AHB is currently working with the government of Maldives to program Greater Male Waste Management project to manage environmental degradation.

- ISESCO organized the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers, ISESCO HQ, 2-3 October 2019.
- ISESCO organized the Islamic World’s Largest Environmental Management Award “KSAEEM” (2018-2019 edition), ISESCO HQ, 2 October 2019.
- Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities (OICC) participated in organizing the 29<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Protecting the Environment is Necessity of life,” which was held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt on 20-22 April 2019. The event was held alongside workshops on impact of climate change, water resources and the environment, and economy and green technology.
- OICC participated in the 18<sup>th</sup> General Conference and the 56<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Council of the Arab Cities Organization under the theme: “Sustainable Cities and Stronger Partnership” held on 24-25 June 2019.
- OICC was granted consultative status with ECOSOC, UNIDO, UNICEF and DPI.
- The accreditation of its consultants at ECOSOC and the Department of Public Information was reviewed for 2018 and 2019.
- SESRIC organized Training Workshop for the Managers of West African Cross-Border Parks and Protected Areas on 5-7 November 2019.

### **Goal 2.5.3**

- IsDB’s Agriculture sector specialists have been trained on smart climate agriculture principles. Also, agriculture projects are screened for climate risk to ascertain current and future vulnerabilities and risks related to climate change. Notable example is the Dam Infrastructure project in Kyrgyzstan. IsDB Rice Value Chain Program in Africa is also supporting beneficiary countries to ensure optimum usage of water on the rice fields.
- IsDB is implementing a dedicated project in 23 municipalities to improve the access and quality of water supply & sanitation facilities for 1 million people across Bangladesh. It aims to improve the living conditions by minimizing the health and environmental hazards in the targeted areas.
- Second Meeting of OIC Water Council was held in Cairo from 21-22 October 2019. The OIC Water Council adopted a set of recommendations for increasing intra-OIC cooperation to implement the activities for OIC Water Vision.
- SESRIC organized a Training Course on “Treated Wastewater Reuse” on 11-13 June 2019 in Ramallah, Palestine within the framework of the OIC Water Resources Management Capacity Building Programme (Water-CaB).
- Meeting was held on 16 September 2018 in Cairo between Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation of Egypt and Director General of UNA during which the two sides discussed aspects of joint cooperation in the fields of training for professional media specialized in the water sector, as well as ways to raise awareness of the rationalization of water resources in Islamic countries.

#### **Goal 2.5.4**

- IsDB in collaboration with Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) is building a knowledge hub that would enable various stakeholders to access relevant information on climate action at the national scale. This contributes to the exchange and knowledge sharing activity of the OIC Water Vision. Expected for release in COP25 (December 2019).
- OIC Water Council asked the OIC General Secretariat to work closely with member states and other OIC institutions to arrange for a meeting of the Centres of Excellence in the Islamic world related to water sector, which is an essential first step towards encouraging collaborative research on water related issues.
- IIFA Council met in Dubai from 4 to 6 November 2019, and issued a resolution on food and water security, as well as on the most critical issues facing Muslim countries, and their effects on the future challenges of the Ummah.

### **Priority Area 6: Poverty Alleviation**

#### **Goals 2.6.1 to 2.6.5**

#### **Goal 2.6.1**

- Under the COMCEC Project Funding, in 2018, Indonesia implemented the project on “Improving the Single Window Service System for Social Protection and Poverty Reduction in the OIC Countries” in order to improve the capacity of local facilitators and mentoring community regarding social protection and poverty alleviation program.
- In 2019, within the framework of the COMCEC Project Funding, Turkey has implemented the project titled “Developing Guidelines on Social Safety Net Systems for the OIC Countries” to increase the human and institutional capacity of Indonesia, Tunisia, Iran and The Gambia in the Social Safety Net (SSN) systems.
- IsDB continued to invest in the equity capital of Islamic microfinance institutions. In 2017/2018, IsDB invested in the capital of an Islamic microfinance institution in Tunisia and approved one in Senegal. Several other investments remain in the pipeline.
- IsDB continued to support accessibility to Islamic finance through its continued participation in the equity capital of Islamic banks, takaful companies and other Islamic financial institutions.
- Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD) focuses on poverty reduction in OIC member countries by providing concessional finance for programmes that:
  - i. Promote pro-poor growth;
  - ii. Support human development; especially improvements in health care and education;
  - iii. Provide social safety nets for the poor;
  - iv. Enhance good governance and access to public service delivery by the poor.
- In 2018 alone, the ISFD approved 10 operations amounting to US\$ 229.24 million in favour of 12 member countries. Approvals in the previous year stood at US\$ 175.6 million.



These interventions target job creation, the development of human capital and food security, especially in sub-Saharan Africa. The projects approved in 2018 include the following.

- Regional Rice Value Chain Programme, a ten country regional programme that benefits Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, The Gambia, Mali, Niger, Sierra Leone, Senegal and Sudan.
- Water supply project in Kyrgyz Republic. The project seeks to support the Government of Kyrgyz Republic Strategy for the development of drinking water and sanitation in rural areas of the Kyrgyz Republic (2016-2026).
- Water management project in Tajikistan. The objective of the project is to improve the livelihood of the rural population through improvement of water resources management with resilience to climate change.
- Hospital project in Guinea Bissau. The goal of the project is to contribute to the reduction of morbidity and mortality resulting from renal failures by establishing a dialysis center in the Simao Mendes National Hospital (SMNH) in Bissau.
- Job creation program. This programme aims at creating at least one million decent jobs in marginalized communities in member countries by 2030. Eight countries have been initially identified as tentative beneficiaries for the program; Tunisia, The Gambia, Bangladesh, Morocco, Mauritania, Nigeria, Comoros and Egypt.
- Enrolment and retention of out-of-school children program. The objective of the programme is to enroll and retain out-of-school children in school. Thus, the overall goal of the program is to promote inclusive and equitable quality education and lifelong learning for all.
- ISESCO supported income-generating productive projects in rural areas. Mali, 2-4 September, Morocco, 15-17 October 2019.

### **Goal 2.6.2**

- ISFD NGO's Empowerment for Poverty Reduction Program targeting CSO's in the member countries was launched.
- Statistics Course by SESRIC on "Sustainable Development Statistics" on 4-6 March 2019 in Somalia included practical sessions and discussion activities on the integration of SDG Targets into National Development Programmes.
- Between 2008 and 2018, the ISFD approved 132 projects for a total cost of US\$4.6 billion. The ISFD contributed US\$ 1.185 million (25.8%) to this amount, while the remaining cost was covered by the IsDB and other co-financiers, including national governments, multilateral institutions, bilateral donors, and NGOs.
- SESRIC organized a Statistics Course on "Living Conditions, Poverty and Cross-Cutting Social Issues" in Azerbaijan on 4-6 February 2019. The Course included discussion on Socio-Economic Survey: Source of Data for Calculating Poverty, and Measuring Poverty.

### Goal 2.6.3

- Development of the IsDB Civil Society Engagement Policy approved in February 2019.
- Development of the IsDB Fragility and Resilience Policy provides a meaningful strategy for poverty reduction.
- By the end of 2018, 20 operations of the ISFD were completed. These include operations in Micro Finance in Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, and Benin, two Community Driven Development (CDD) projects in Indonesia and Sierra Leone; and a Malaria Prevention and Control project in Chad.
- SESRIC organized “Regional Workshop on the 2020 World Programme on Population and Housing Censuses: International Standards and Contemporary Technologies” on 12-15 March 2019.
- IsDB continues to promote Islamic Social Finance including Zakat, Awqaf and Islamic Microfinance through initiatives on capacity building and codification of best practices (Awqaf and Zakat regulations), IMPACT program for Microfinance, TAs for Islamic Microfinance etc.
- IsDB provides equity and lines of finance for Microfinance institutions which are directly involved in pro-poor and gender focused poverty alleviating projects.

### Goal 2.6.4

- COMCEC held the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Poverty Alleviation Working Group on April 4, 2019 in Ankara, Turkey with the theme of “Access to Health Services in the OIC Member Countries”. The research report containing four case analyses (Indonesia, Turkey, Uganda and Tunisia) on this subject was submitted to the Meeting.
- COMCEC organized the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Poverty Alleviation Working Group on November 6, 2019 in Ankara with the theme of “Child and Maternal Mortality in OIC: Progress towards 2030”. A research report was submitted to the Meeting.
- Within the framework of the COMCEC Project Funding, in 2019, the project titled “Strengthening Technical and Vocational Education for Grassroots Empowerment in the OIC Countries” was implemented by Nigeria with the partner countries, The Gambia and Turkey.
- Suriname implemented the COMCEC project titled “Increasing the Capacity of Vocational Education Centers for the Disabled in the selected OIC Countries” with the participation of Guyana and Turkey in 2019.
- IsDB Women’s Empowerment (WE) Policy sets the direction for the Bank’s work on women’s empowerment that will align the strategic objectives and organizational functions to respond to the socio-economic situation and needs of women and girl within member states.
- IsDB has an ongoing Technical Assistance Project “Enhancing Capacity in Cotton Varieties Development” between Bangladesh and Turkey.

- IsDB obtained approval for the Business Resilience Assistance for Value Adding Enterprises (BRAVE) Women for the following countries aimed at supporting women businesses in fragile states:
- BRAVE Women Yemen was approved amounting to USD 8.81 million that will be financed by the Women’s Entrepreneurs Financing Initiative (We-Fi).
- BRAVE Women Nigeria amounting to USD 13.38 million that will be financed by the Women’s Entrepreneurs Financing Initiative (We-Fi).
- Study Visit on “Mortality Statistics” to Turkey was organized for the benefit of Azerbaijan to exchange experiences on mortality indicators, birth and death registers on 27-29 March 2019.
- SESRIC organized a Study Visit on “Living Conditions, Poverty and Cross-Cutting Social Issues” to Niger on 2-3 April 2019.
- SESRIC presented report on “Situational Analysis of Street Living and Street Working Children in OIC Countries” on 4 December 2018 – 8 January 2019.
- IsDB is currently implementing the Access Road Improvement in Sylhet Division Project (Bangladesh) to supplement the government’s effort in reducing poverty by improving rural accessibility and strengthening rural market infrastructures. It is offering villagers improved access and connectivity to markets and service centers.

#### **Goal 2.6.5**

- SESRIC organized Statistics Course on “Methodologies and Best International Practices for Conducting Household Expenditure Survey” in Brunei on 8-10 April 2019.
- Statistic Course on “Household Surveys” in Kazakhstan was organized on 10-12 April 2019.
- SESRIC organized a Study Visit on “Consumer Price Index” to Egypt on 16-18 April 2019. The aim of the Study Visit was to exchange experiences on the topics related to Consumer Price Index, Household Expenditure and Income Survey.
- Technical Mission on “Government Finance Statistics” was initiated in Brunei on 22-24 April 2019.
- Statistics Course on “Living Conditions, Poverty and Cross-Cutting Social Issues” was organized by SESRIC in Qatar on 28-30 April 2019.
- SESRIC organized a Training Course on Poverty Reduction Project within the framework of the OIC Poverty Alleviation Programme (OIC-PAP) on 4-5 November 2019.
- SESRIC took part in “Preparatory Meeting for launching the ISFD NGOs Empowerment for Poverty Reduction Program” on 2-3 September 2019 as a strategic partner.
- SESRIC organized a Study Visit to Turkey for the Capacity Development of LPRD on 8-15 April 2019. The visit was organized in partnership between the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) and the Libyan Program for Reintegration and Development (LPRD).

- Training Course on “Poverty Reduction Projects” was organized on 13-14 November 2019 within the framework of the OIC Poverty Alleviation Programme (OIC-PAP).
- COMCEC Poverty Alleviation Working Group met in Ankara with the theme of “Quality of Education in the OIC Member Countries”. Jordan, Malaysia, Nigeria and Pakistan were studied in detail as field visit case countries.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the COMCEC Poverty Alleviation Working Group was held on October 4, 2018 with the topic of “Skills Development: Vocational Education in the OIC Member Countries”. Field visits were conducted in Bangladesh, Palestine and Uganda.
- COMCEC Project titled “the Community-Based Tourism through the Promotion of Heritage Sites for Poverty Alleviation” was implemented. The aim of this project was to enhance the capacities of the local communities, tour guides and other relevant stakeholders in order to increase the tourism incomes of the local communities.

**Priority Area 7: Trade, Investment and Finance**  
**Goal 2.7**

*i) **Intra-OIC Trade & Investment***

- COMCEC Trade Working Group has prepared policy recommendations on “Facilitating Trade: Improving Customs Risk Management Systems in the OIC Member States” for submission to the 34<sup>th</sup> COMCEC Ministerial Meeting held on November 28, 2018.
- 12 Meeting of the COMCEC Trade Working Group was held on November 6, 2018 in Ankara, Turkey, with the theme of “Improving Authorized Economic Operators Programs in the OIC Member States”. The report contains three field visit case studies, namely Jordan, Turkey and Uganda. “COMCEC Trade Outlook 2018” has been prepared for exploring the global trends and current situation in the OIC member countries.
- In 2018, under the COMCEC Project Funding, the project titled ‘the Feasibility Study on the Interoperability of Selected Single Window Systems’ was implemented by Morocco with Tunisia and Cameroon.
- Nigeria implemented the project in 2018 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.
- SMIIIC’s Project on ‘Harmonization of National Halal Standards with the OIC/SMIIIC Halal Standards’ was implemented under the COMCEC Project Funding. The project’s main aim was to increase know-how and knowledge of the use and implementation of the OIC/SMIIIC Halal Standards in 21 member countries.
- In 2019, under the COMCEC Project Funding (CPF), the project titled ‘Empowering Halal Industry to Boost Intra-OIC Trade’ was implemented by Indonesia. This project was aimed

to increase the awareness and compliance of industry to Halal concept, essential rules, and regulations applied by the OIC Member Countries.

- Under the COMCEC Project Funding, SMIIIC implemented the project titled ‘Increasing Public Halal Awareness in OIC countries’. The purpose of the project was to increase Halal awareness and knowledge among the public and private sector specialists by producing high quality, and knowledgeable multimedia materials.
- Lebanon implemented the project titled ‘Supporting Cooperatives to Enhance Their Access to OIC Markets’ in partnership with Jordan and Turkey. The project was aimed at building up infrastructure pillars for the beneficiaries’ resilience and promoting quality infrastructure as a tool to reduce trade barriers.
- Palestine carried out the project titled ‘Introduction of Palestinian Export Products to Selected OIC Countries’. There were various stakeholder meetings in order to seek ways to facilitate the movement of goods between Palestine, Iraq and Indonesia.
- ICDDT activities and deliverable include the following business lines: development of Halal Industry, the Single Window Initiative and Trade Facilitation, the development of Strategic Products; Investment Promotion and Support for Investment Promotion Agencies of OIC Member States, Private Sector and SMEs Development.
- ICDDT organized the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the Trade Fair of the OIC member states, from 7 to 13 April 2019 at Baghdad, Republic of Iraq. This multisectoral Fair was a platform for the business community, trade promotion bodies (TPOs), professional associations and economic operators of the member States to promote their products and services, conclude commercial transactions and establish partnership relations.
- ICDDT in collaboration with the Moroccan company (COHESIUM), organized the Exhibition and Forum on Transport and Logistics in the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) member states, from 9 to 11 April 2019, at the International Fair of Casablanca (OFEC).
- ICDDT and the OIC International Business Center for Malaysia, co-organized the 9<sup>th</sup> Muslim World Biz Forum & Exhibition Muslim and the Entrepreneurs Development Award at Kuala Lumpur Convention Center (KLCC) in Kuala Lumpur on 4-6 September 2019.
- ICDDT organized a Malaysian Business Mission from 19 to 25 January 2019 in the Kingdom of Morocco. The Malaysian delegation was composed of companies dealing in the food, agriculture, health, cosmetics, catering, computer and road infrastructure sectors.
- ICDDT organized a workshop on the market potential of pharmaceuticals and medical equipments in the OIC Member States on the sidelines of the 4<sup>th</sup> OIC Medical Expo in Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene on 7-9 December 2018.
- ICDDT and Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB) Technical Seminar (MTecS) on Palm Oil in Casablanca on 7 February 2019 under the theme “Malaysian Palm Oil Benefits on Economy and Health.
- ICDDT in collaboration with local agencies arranged exhibition for the promotion of Saudi Dates and sweets in Malaysia and South East Asia in Kuala Lumpur 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019.

- ICDT organized the 7<sup>th</sup> Online web-marketing for women entrepreneurs in Abidjan; Cote d'Ivoire on 15-18 April 2019 for the benefit of women from Cote d'Ivoire and Mauritania.
- ICDT organized the fourth meeting of the Sub-Committee on Trade and Investment (TISC) in Marrakesh on 1 April 2019. The meeting was chaired by the Director General of ICDT and the CEO of ITFC.
- ITFC's achievements since its inception in 2008 (1429H) have been remarkable in both trade financing and trade development areas. Total cumulative approvals and disbursements reached US\$ 45.4 billion and US\$ 35.6 billion, respectively.
- Despite numerous challenges faced in 2018, ITFC performed remarkably well. As such, out of the total trade finance approvals, 32% was allocated to Least Developed Member Countries. In addition, 75% of approvals, representing US\$3.9 billion, supported trade between OIC member countries.
- ITFC had been successful in mobilizing a total of US\$2,983 million in 2018 from within IsDB Group and its Syndicate Partners in the market for funding 36 syndicated operations in favor of 15 Member Countries. The mobilized funds from the market represents 58% of the total trade financing provided by ITFC that year.
- In 2019, ITFC had been successful in mobilizing a total of US\$3,591 million from January to August 2019, out of which US\$2,414.2 million are from external resources. The mobilized funds from the market represents 67% of the total approvals.
- ITFC mobilized 261,605 USD for 4 Trade Development projects in agriculture, financial institutions, capacity building and trade promotion. Several other projects are currently under resources mobilization status and will bring the total to between 800000 to 1 million USD.
- ITFC offers Trade Integrated Solutions, combining trade finance with trade development components, designed to address some of the trade development challenges of its Member Countries. In this regard, ITFC blends its trade development interventions, including its Trade Related Technical Assistancess (TRTAs) with its trade finance solutions. Some examples of the trade integrated programs include, (i) the Indonesian Coffee Export Development Program, (ii) Uzbekistan Trade Integrated Solution, (iii) the West Africa SMEs capacity development programs and trade facilitation measures.
- ITFC in collaboration with IsDB, ICIEC and Saudi Export Programme (SEP) is developing a regional trade promotion program to boost trade between Arab and Africa regions.
- IsDB President has created the IDB AATB (Arab-Africa Trade Bridges) Steering Committee to coordinate interventions of IDB entities under the AATB Program. Moreover, the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the AATB Governance Board was held on 1&2 November 2018. The 2<sup>nd</sup> AATB Executive Committee meeting was held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019 in Marrakech.
- The following activities have been implemented under AATB Program.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Edition of Sectoral B2B Meeting for Pharmaceuticals and Medical Equipment,
- Sectoral B2B Meeting for food products,

- ECOWAS – Agadir Technical Unit (ATU) Business Forum,
- Forum on “Promoting Arab Exports to Africa”,
- 1<sup>st</sup> Afro-Arab Trade Finance Forum,
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of Sectoral B2B Meeting for Pharmaceuticals and Medical Equipment, Cairo, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the B2B on Agri-food products that was held in Dubai, UAE, 30 Apr – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Governing Board Meeting of the Arab Africa (AATB) Program was held on 7 November 2019 in Dakar, Republic of Senegal. On the sidelines of this important meeting, the following events was held from 6-8 November 2019.
- Launch of the Senegal Pilot of the West Africa SMEs Program;
- B2B meetings for Pharmaceutical Sector under the umbrella of AATB;
- Launch of the OCP School Lab Program under the umbrella of AATB.
- Aid for Trade Initiative for the Arab States (AfTIAS) Program was first launched by ITFC in 2013. Projects were executed under AfTIAS Program to assist the Arab Member Countries to develop their national export strategies and improve their institutional and human capacities in the area of trade development and trade facilitation. In this regard, 28 projects were adopted for 19 Arab countries, (4 Least Develop Countries (LDCs), 9 Middle Income Countries and 6 Higher Income Countries during 2018-19.
- AfTIAS Board meeting held in January 2019, expressed its satisfaction on the outcome of the AfTIAS program evaluation and called upon ITFC to prepare the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of AfTIAS in cooperation with the LAS and the Arab countries.
- Reverse linkage project between Guinea and Tunisia on enhancing the value chain for exporting agricultural products of Guinea. IFTC has finalized details of the project which is expected to be launched towards the end of 2019.
- ITFC started the implementation of an ambitious training program for the Indonesian coffee farmers, starting from September 2018.
- In recognition of the farmers’ efforts to upgrade their skills, a graduation ceremony was organized on 16<sup>th</sup> of July 2019 in Karo North Sumarta, Indonesia, attended by the farmers, the partner NGO and the local authorities.
- SESRIC organized a Study Visit on “Classifications in Merchandise Trade Statistics” to Gambia on 26-27 February 2019.
- SESRIC published its first edited book titled “Financing for Development” on 3 December 2018 – 11 April 2019. The book presents different dimensions of financing for development in developing countries.
- Report on OIC Economic Outlook 2019 – Mobilizing Financial Resources for Development” was presented on 3 September 2019.

- Report on “Trade and Investment Complementary among the Turkic Council Member Countries” was presented on 25 April 2019.
- SESRIC organized a two-day Training Course on “Ways of Raising Finance through Capital Markets (IPOs)” on 2-3 May 2019 in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan.
- SESRIC organized a Training Course on “Monetary Policy Formulation” at the Central Bank of Azerbaijan in Baku on 2-3 April 2019, within the framework of the OIC Capacity Building Programme for Central Banks (CB-CaB)
- SESRIC held a Training Course on “Tariff Reductions and Bilateral Arrangements in Key Agricultural Products on 5-6 November 2019.
- 6<sup>th</sup> SMIIIC Technical Committee Week Meetings were held on 15-20 April 2019 in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey. The delegates of the Member States shown great effort and contributed to the committees’ technical work during the whole week which studied the development of OIC/SMIIIC standards to be used for the increase of intra-OIC trade.
- 7<sup>th</sup> SMIIIC Technical Committees Week was held on 23-28 September 2019 in Istanbul.
- Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA) undertakes programmes, focused on promotion of intra-Islamic trade, capacity building, business leadership development, promotion of tourism, poverty alleviation, promotion & development of Small & Medium Enterprises, and promoting green economy, among others.
- ICCIA has been holding Private Sector Meetings and Businesswomen Forums to provide a common platform for conducting B2B meetings. In addition, the Islamic Chamber has also been organizing Sector-wise Commodity Exchange Forums, Business Leadership Workshops.
- These activities have shown concrete results as business deals have been conducted, and skills have been developed. The ICCIA has so far, held sixteen (16) Private Sector Meetings and nine (9) Businesswomen Forums.
- ICCIA in collaboration with ICDT and the Ministry of Trade of Republic of Sudan organized the “Regional Workshop on Trade Preferential system (TPS/OCI) and the Multilateral Trading System” in Khartoum – Republic of Sudan, on 17-18 December 2018.
- ICCIA participated in the “2<sup>nd</sup> Arab African Conference and Exhibition of Businesswomen” held on 13-14 February 2019 in Marrakesh, Kingdom of Morocco.
- IsDB undertook various measures for formation of trade and investment in the OIC member states. These include:
  - WTO Negotiation Workshop for OIC missions.
  - Workshop on WTO TFA and Trade Integration in OIC.
  - Workshop on Trade and Negotiation Techniques in Trade Services for OIC.
  - Strategic Commodities Workshop for CIS region.
  - Validation Seminar on TPS-OIC Regional Integration Plan.



- Supporting OIC high Level Public and Private Investment Conference in Istanbul.
- Conducting joint training with WAIPA for OIC member states IPAs on “Innovation in Investment Attraction”.
- Providing investment promotion technical assistance to Guinea and Niger.
- Conducting joint regional investment promotion roadshows in OIC Asian member states.
- Training Course on “Facilitating Transit Trade with an Emphasis on WTO TFA” was organized by SESRIC within the framework of the Multilateral Trading Systems Capacity Building Programme on 4-5 October 2019.

ii) **Islamic Finance Development**

- CIBAFI arranged a Public Lecture on “Participation Finance: The Innovation as the Engine of Sustainable Development” at Casablanca, Morocco on 23 November 2018.
- CIBAFI arranged InFocus Session 2019 on “Islamic Finance in the CIS Region: A Path for Integration in the Financial System to Achieve Economic Growth and Sustainable Development” in Kazan, Tatarstan on 25 April 2019.
- CIBAFI arranged a Seminar on “Credit Ratings: Focus on Islamic Banks and Sukuk Rating Methodology”, in cooperation with S&P Global Rating in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain on 29-30 April 2019.
- Under CIBAFI’s Strategic Objective ‘Advocacy of Islamic Finance Values and Related Policies & Regulations’, the following activities were undertaken during 2019.
- CIBAFI Updated the Financial Stability Board (FSB) on the Correspondent Banking Decline Affecting Islamic Banks on 24 April 2019.
- CIBAFI has organized the following initiatives during 2018-2019, in the OIC member states, that served as a platform for experience sharing and capacity building.
- Fourth CIBAFI – Ivey Business School Executive Programme on “Strategic Thinking, FinTech Innovation, Founder’s Mentality, and Leading Digitalization, was held on 13-14 November 2018 at Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain.
- CIBAFI Certified Islamic Banker Programme on 3-8 December 2018 in Dakar, Senegal.
- CIBAFI Training of Trainers (ToT) programme was held on 10-12 December 2018 in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain.
- CIBAFI In-House Training Programme for Ahli Bank, was held on 14-18 April 2019 in Oman.
- CIBAFI Technical Workshop on “Stress Testing for Islamic Financial Institutions (IFIs)” was held on 11-13 June 2019 in Istanbul, Turkey.
- CIBAFI Orientation Programme in Islamic Finance was held on 25-29 August 2019 in Baghdad, Iraq.

- CIBAFI conducted 69 training sessions in 2018 and 34 session in 2019 in more than 32 countries via its global network of more than 30 professional development agents. The Executive Professional Master’s Programme and the Certified Islamic Banker’s Certificate recorded the highest number of applications.
- Under CIBAFI’s Strategic Objective of Research and Innovation, CIBAFI has issued the following publications during 2018-2019.
- CIBAFI Global Islamic Bankers Survey 2018 “Evaluating Future Impacts; Strategic Thinking, Branding and Financial Technologies”.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Briefing on “Islamic Trade Finance: Back to the Roots”.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Briefing on “Real Estate Exposure in Islamic Finance: Regulatory Treatment”.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Briefing on “The International Financial Reporting Standard (IFRS) 9 and its Implications on Islamic Financial Institutions (IFIs), 27 January 2019.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Briefing on “Islamic Finance & the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals”, 9 May 2019.
- CIBAFI Global Islamic Bankers’ Survey 2019: “Sustainability, Growth Drivers and the Regulatory Challenge”, 13 May 2019.
- COMCEC Financial Cooperation Working Group met in Ankara with the theme of the “The Role of Sukuk in Islamic Capital Markets”. Field visits were conducted to four OIC member countries namely Indonesia, Malaysia, Nigeria and Turkey to get insights about the policy environment on the Sukuk market.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Financial Cooperation Working Group was held on October 25, 2018 with the theme of “Islamic Fund Management”. The research report for this meeting included detailed case studies 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, namely Gambia and Togo.
- Within the framework of the COMCEC Project Funding, Turkey implemented the project titled “Improving Financial Consumer Protection in the OIC Countries” with the participation of 12 Member Countries.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Financial Cooperation Working Group (FCWG) was held on March 28, 2019, in Ankara, with the theme of “Infrastructure Financing through Islamic Finance in the OIC Member countries”. Field visits were conducted to four OIC member countries namely Indonesia, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia and Sudan.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Financial Cooperation Working Group (FCWG) was held on October 17, 2019 in Ankara, with the theme of “Improving Takaful Sector in the OIC Member Countries”. The report contained four cases studies including Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and United Kingdom.
- COMCEC Project titled “Capacity Building on Islamic Finance in Mozambique, Gambia and Nigeria” was implemented. The project was aimed at increasing the institutional

capacity of the member countries and raising awareness on Islamic financial literacy and Islamic financial services.

- COMCEC project titled “Islamic Liquidity Management Instruments for Sustainable Development of Islamic Financial Institutions” was implemented. The project was aimed at developing the capacity of Islamic Banks and Financial regulators in the OIC member countries to develop Sharia compliant HQLA (high-quality Liquid Assets).
- Project titled “Assessment of COMCEC Real Estate Securities Markets and Regulatory Landscapes for Strengthening Capital Markets” was implemented.
- Within the context of the COMCEC Project Funding in 2019, the project titled “Capacity building on warehousing and storage management” was implemented. The project was aimed at increasing technical knowledge of farmers and farmer associations on warehousing and storage management.
- Project titled “Reduction of Food Loss and Waste in the OIC Countries” was implemented by Turkey with the participation of Indonesia, Palestine, Morocco, Qatar, and Tunisia.
- ICCIA is utilizing the platform of Statutory Meetings to explore new opportunities for trade and investment. In this context, the 27<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting of the Islamic Chamber was held last year in Jakarta, Indonesia on 22 – 23 October 2018, and organized Meetings for the Private Sector on the theme of “Inclusion in Sharia Economy: A new Paradigm”.
- ICCIA co-organized the Egypt Investment Forum concurrently with its 28<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors and 35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly from 2-4 March 2019 in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt.
- The Forum was held under the theme of “Go Africa”. Its aim was to promote trilateral cooperation in trade and investment through linking technology providers, with Arab investors and development banks and funds to implement selected projects. The event brought together business leaders from Arab, Asia and Africa regions.
- In its joint meeting of the 28<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors and 35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, in March 2019, ICCIA declared the commencement of the work in its independent projects through the WAQF Company, which include:
  - (a) Halal Company
  - (b) Company for establishment and management of the Cross Border Gates
- IsDB has undertaken several reverse linkage initiatives whereby Islamic financial institutions with requisite experiences are linked to other Islamic financial institutions in member countries to extend assistance, support and exchange experience. Such initiative included Bangladesh, Nigeria, Turkey and Bosnia & Herzegovina.
- IsDB approved (3) New Islamic Finance Technical Assistance (TA) Grants for Indonesia (Zakat), Senegal (Awqaf) and Pakistan (Exim Bank).
- IsDB is in the process of approving (5) more Islamic Finance TA Grants for UAE, Bosnia, Uzbekistan, IFSB and Sukuk Model Law.
- IsDB has Forty-Eight (48) ongoing Islamic Finance TA Projects which are currently at various stages of implementation.

- Seven (7) Islamic Finance Awareness programs are ongoing in various IsDB member countries.
- IsDB is working on Islamic Microfinance Toolkits under IMPACT Program.
- Microfinance Development Program is in progress in 8 IsDB Member countries to promote Islamic Microfinance programs.
- IsDB is working with the relevant Bangladesh Government agencies to expand the Sukuk market and potentiality of 1<sup>st</sup> Sukuk issuance by the Government of Bangladesh in 2019.
- ICDT and the Standards and Metrology Institute for the Islamic Countries (SMIIC) organized the 6<sup>th</sup> OIC Halal Exhibition from 29<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 at Eurasia Performing Arts Center in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, concomitantly with the World Halal Summit 2018.
- ICDT in collaboration with local agencies organized Halal Forums for raising awareness on halal products & services: Casablanca, March 2019; Dakar July 2019.
- A “Foundation Training for OIC/SMIIC 1-Halal Food Guidelines” was organized in Bishkek and Osh cities of the Kyrgyz Republic on 29 April – 03 May 2019 in coordination with Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA).
- SMIIC has published the latest editions of the OIC/SMIIC halal standards upon the completion of a comprehensive revision process. These include:
  - OIC/SMIIC 1: 2019, General Requirements for Halal Food
  - OIC/SMIIC 2: 2019, Conformity Assessment – Requirements for Bodies Providing Halal Certification
  - OIC/SMIIC 3: 2019, Conformity Assessment – Requirements for Halal Accreditation Bodies Accrediting Halal Conformity Assessment Bodies.
- SMIIC participated in the working meeting on the development of Halal industry in CIS region on 30 July 2019 in Nur-Sultan, Republic Kazakhstan organized by Islamic Cooperation for Food Security (IOFS).
- OIC/SMIIC 1 – Foundation Training was held in cooperation with ITFC on 28 September – 01 October 2019 in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey. The objective of this training program is to encourage the harmonization of Halal Standards used in the OIC and internationally by aiding in the adoption and use of the OIC/SMIIC Halal Standards.
- SMIIC, in coordination with ICDT, organized “7<sup>th</sup> OIC Halal Expo” and “World Halal Summit (WHS) 2019” on 28 November -01 December 2019 in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey. This Exhibition attracted all important players of the Halal industry in quest of business and partnership opportunities in the OIC Member States.
- ISESCO organized Experts Meeting on Halal Food Certification, Standards and Marketing, Yaounde, 13-15 May 2019.

## **Priority Area 8: Agriculture and Food Security**

### **Goals 2.8.1 to 2.8.6**

#### **Goal 2.8.1**

- To address the priority of Food Security, COMSTECH constituted a Working Group for Plant Genetic Resources (PGR) in 2018. Five OIC Member Countries, Azerbaijan, Iraq, Jordan, Oman and Pakistan have already agreed to collaborate in this area.
- COMSTECH in collaboration with the FAO and Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC) started work for developing a multinational project on “Promotion of Plant Genetic Resources Use, Varietal Development and Integration in the Seed System” in April 2019. The goal of the project is to further develop the capabilities of member states to protect, preserve and expand their plant genetic resources for food security.
- Second Consultative meeting for finalizing the project proposal and its presentation to the prospective sponsors is scheduled for November 2019 in Baku-Azerbaijan, and is being hosted by the Genetic Resources Institute of Azerbaijan, National Academy of Sciences, Baku, Azerbaijan.
- IsDB is implementing Agriculture Support for Small holders in South-Western Region of Bangladesh project aimed at improving livelihood of 150,000 landless, marginal & small farmers. Introduction of location specific modern technology resulted in crop intensification, diversification and increasing agricultural productivity.
- SESRIC has prepared ‘data and analysis’ related parts of Draft Programme of Action for three commodities: Wheat, Rice and Cassava on 1-18 January 2019.

#### **Goal 2.8.2**

- SESRIC organized Statistics Course on “Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Statistics” in Azerbaijan on 11-12 April 2019.
- ICCIA was part of a panel with IFAD and addressed the challenges and opportunities being faced by the OIC Member Countries and presented possible solutions.
- ICCIA in collaboration with the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund for South-South Cooperation (PGTF) and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) will organize a Workshop on “Promoting Green Growth and Technology in Food-Water and Energy Nexus for OIC Countries – Challenges and Opportunities” in Pakistan in 2019.
- COMCEC Agriculture Working Group held its 12th Meeting on September 20, 2018 with the theme of “Analysis of Agri-food Trade Structures to Promote Agri-food Trade Networks among the Member Countries”. The report contained three field visit case studies, namely Bangladesh, Cameroon and Morocco.
- COMCEC Agriculture Outlook 2018 has been also prepared for exploring the global trends and current situation in agriculture domain in the OIC Member Countries.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the COMCEC Agriculture Working Group was held on September 12, 2019 with the theme of “Increasing the Resilience of the Food Systems in Islamic countries

in Face of Future Food Crises”. The research report contained field visit studies for Niger, Indonesia and Oman.

- Training Course on “Resilience of the Agriculture and Food System in Face of Future Food Crises” was organized by SESRIC on 5-6 November 2019.

### **Goal 2.8.3**

- COMSTECH representative visited the Malaysian Agriculture Research and Development Institute (MARDI) headquarters in Selangor, Malaysia, in September 2019 where consultations were held regarding the Implementation Plan for the Agriculture and Food Security part of STI Agenda 2026.
- COMSTECH and MARDI agreed to cooperate in efforts to improve dairy production, genome editing needs, genetic resources sharing and in organizing a workshop on modelling and simulation of climate change with reference to impact on food security.
- COMSTECH co-organized the COMSTECH-ICGEB-NIBGE International Workshop on “Use of Genome Editing and Other New Breeding Technologies for Global Food Security”, at COMSTECH Secretariat, Islamabad on 08-10 April 2019. A working group on new breeding technologies, comprising Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Pakistan was formed to extend cooperation in this area.
- Following are some of the ITFC measures taken to enhance food security and further support the agriculture sector:
- Synergy and partnership with IsDB Agriculture Department to collaborate on boosting financing to the agriculture sector in Member Countries.
- Providing Integrated Trade Solutions.
- Linking the producers directly with the buyers in Member Countries.
- SESRIC organized Technical Mission on “Investigation of Vegetable Growing Techniques” in Uganda on 12-14 March 2019.
- COMCEC Project titled “Developing Agricultural Market Information System for Horticulture Farmers” was implemented to facilitate the marketing of agricultural products, and horticulture in the OIC member countries.

### **Goal 2.8.4**

- COMSTECH supported the participation of OIC scientists at the International Fisheries and Aquaculture Conference, 25-28 March, 2019 at the University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Lahore, Pakistan.
- COMSTECH supported the participation of OIC scientists at the International Conference on Microbes for Sustainable Agriculture 25-30 March 2019 at the FC College University, Lahore Pakistan.

- SESRIC organized a Training Course on “Designing and Engineering of Cold Storage and Hydroponic Greenhouses” on 22-26 April 2019 in Mersin, Turkey, for experts from the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan.
- ICCIA attended the Arab Private Sector Forum, which was held on 16-17 January 2019 in Beirut in preparation for the Fourth Arab Economic and Social Development Summit.
- Under the COMCEC Project Funding, Turkey implemented the project titled “Improving Agricultural Irrigation Extension Service with the participation of Morocco and Tunisia. The project purpose is to improve knowledge and experience of technical staff employed in agricultural irrigation extension and training services.

### **Goal 2.8.5**

- Agriculture accounts for the largest share (59%) of ITFC’s trade financing portfolio for Sub-Saharan Africa. Although agriculture financing is primarily for cash crops (namely cotton and groundnuts), it nonetheless helps boost food security as farmers use part of the agricultural inputs funded by the financing to grow food crops.
- In 2018, overall approvals for the agriculture sector reached 14.4% of the portfolio, which received the second largest allocation after the energy. During the year, ITFC approved 12 operations for the agriculture sector in 6 Member Countries including Egypt, Burkina Faso, Senegal, Cameroon, and Indonesia.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the COMCEC Agriculture Working Group was organized on February 21, 2019 in Ankara with the theme of “Reviewing Agricultural Trade Policies to Promote Intra-OIC Agricultural Trade”. The research report prepared for this meeting contained field visit studies for Turkey, the Gambia and Morocco.
- Training Course by SESRIC on “Tariff Reductions and Bilateral Arrangements in Key Agricultural Products” on 5-6 November 2019.
- SESRIC organized a Statistics Course on “Labour Market Statistics: Harmonization and Analysis of Administrative Data Sources” in Malaysia on 14-16 October 2019.

### **Goal 2.8.6**

- Following the convening of the Second General Assembly Session of the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 27-29 August 2019 and the reconstitution of the Executive Board, the structures of Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) witnessed a giant leap forward in 2019,
- Major IOFS projects include a Database on State of Food Security, Regional Food Security Reserves, Grain Fund, and Reduction of Post-Harvest Losses and Activation of Business-to-Business Cooperation through the Establishment of Islamic Food Processing Association.
- On inter-agency cooperation, two regional organizations were granted observer status namely: Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in Sahel (CILSS); and the International Center for Biosaline Agriculture (ICBA), while Arab Organization for

Agricultural Development (AOAD) concluded a Memorandum of Understanding with IOFS.

- SMIIIC signed MoU with Islamic Cooperation for Food Security (IOFS) on 30 July 2019 to enhance and facilitate cooperation and collaboration between both institutions.

## **Priority Area 9: Employment, Infrastructure and Industrialization**

### **Goal 2.9**

#### *i) Industry*

- IsDB is developing new generation of ‘value-chain’ based Member Country Partnership Strategy (MCPS). Four MCPSs for Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Morocco, and the Maldives were launched and progressing well.
- In addition, MCPS Gabon Strategy Paper was completed and signed during the Annual Meeting held in Morocco.
- IsDB annual lending program for 2019 was developed with careful project selection. The projects approved during 2019 are centered around i) building regional green infrastructure to enhance value-chain competitiveness and ii) Deepen and diversify agricultural value-chains.
- IsDB through proactive initiative, signed a cooperation mechanism with the Moroccan Agency for Sustainable Energy (MASEN) for utility scale renewable energy project structuring and related transfer of expertise under Reverse Linkage.
- IsDB with other development partners participated in conference entitled “Sustainable Mobility for all Efficiency, Safety and Green Transport”.
- ICCIA actively participated in the Arab-British Economic Summit 2019, which was held in London, England, on 3 July, under the theme of “A Shared Vision”.
- International Autumn School and Workshop on “Applied Industrial Policy: Theory, Empirics and Instruments for Effective Policy Design” was organized by SESRIC on 15-17 October 2019.

#### *ii) Transport*

- COMCEC Transport and Communications Working Group met in Ankara, with theme of “Governance of Transport Corridors in OIC Member States: Challenges, Cases and Policy Lessons”. The report examined the current governance practices of seven corridors in the OIC member countries.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the COMCEC Transport and Communications Working Group was held on October 11<sup>th</sup> 2018, in Ankara, with the theme of “Planning of National Transport Infrastructure in the OIC Member States”. Moreover, “Transport and Communication Outlook of COMCEC 2018” has been prepared.



- Project, “Analysis of the Road Database Systems in the Selected OIC Countries” was implemented. The aim was to analyze the current situation in the Gambia and to share experiences and best practices among the partner countries.
- Under the COMCEC Project Funding, Iran implemented the project titled “Feasibility Study of Iran-Caucasus Transport Corridor”. The aim of the project is to improve transnational transport corridor between Asia and Europe in order to enhance the functioning, effectiveness and sustainability of transport in Iran, Azerbaijan and Turkey.
- Within the framework of COMCEC Project Funding, Jordan implemented the project titled “The Feasibility Study for Reconstructing the Old Ottoman Hejaz Railway Line”.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the COMCEC Transport and Communications Working Group was held on March 21, 2019, in Ankara, with the theme of “Improving Transport Project Appraisals in OIC Member Countries”. Three OIC member countries were visited (Iran, Jordan and Nigeria) and transport project appraisal practices were analyzed.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of TCWG was held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 in Ankara, with the theme of “Risk management in Transport projects in the OIC Member Countries”. Three OIC member countries were visited (Turkey, Cote d’Ivoire and Jordan) and risk management practices in these countries were analyzed.
- The Gambia implemented the project “Improving Human and Institutional Capacity for Integrated Database Management System in the OIC Countries”. The project was aimed at developing an integrated transport database management for the Gambia with the support of the project partner countries.
- Jordan implemented the project titled “Reconstructing the Old Ottoman Hejaz Railway Line –Phase 2”. The project was aimed a discussing the funding opportunities for reconstructing the Hejaz Railway Line and sharing experiences on railway planning with the project partner countries.
- Project titled “Increasing Seaborne Transport and Trade within the Framework of the TPS-OIC” was implemented. The project intended to seek practical solutions within the framework of the TPS-OIC to facilitate trade by decreasing international seaborne transportation costs.
- Workshop on “Electronic Postal Service Payments for Arab Region” was organized by SESRIC on 26-28 February 2019.
- Workshop on “Developing the Postal Market and Promoting Modern Philatelic Techniques” for manufacturing and marketing of postage stamps in Tunisia was held on 16-18 April 2019.
- Training Course on “Promoting the Development of Transport Corridor Governance in Holistic Way” was held on 5-6 November 2019.

*iii) Energy*

- IsDB is currently implementing the Ashuganj East 400MW Power Plant Efficiency Improvement Project to increase the electricity supply in Bangladesh.

- IsDB is implementing Power Grid Expansion Project in Bangladesh to assist expansion of power grid infrastructure and improving efficiency and reliability of the system in the distribution of generated power.
- ITFC remained a reliable and steadfast partner in 2018 in providing financing to secure fuel and electricity supplies in order to maintain stable electricity generation and reaching to large number of the populations including those residing in rural areas.
- In 2018, ITFC financing for the energy sector rebounded in dollar terms, reflecting the more stable oil prices, as well as increased demand for oil financing from some Member Countries.
- Energy products financing represented 67% of total approval in 2018, balanced between crude oil and petroleum products financing. The bulk of the energy-related financing are for countries in MENA, Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa.
- ISESCO organized a Forum on Sustainable & Low Energy Architecture in Member States, Ajman, 12-14 March 2019.

*iv) Tourism*

- COMCEC Tourism Working Group was held in Ankara, Turkey with the theme of “Destination Development and Institutionalization Strategies in the OIC Member Countries”. The research report includes three field visits to Azerbaijan, United Arab Emirates and Turkey.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Tourism Working Group was held on September 13, 2018 in Ankara, Turkey with the theme of “Destination Marketing Strategies in the OIC Countries”. “COMCEC Tourism Outlook 2018” exploring the global trends and current situation in tourism sector has also been published.
- COMCEC Project titled “Strengthening the Resilience of Tourism Sector against Crises through Communication” was implemented by Burkina Faso. The project consisted of a five-day training program to acquire skills to define risks and use tools in order to mitigate the adverse effects of the crisis.
- COMCEC funded project “Training on Crisis Communication in Tourism for the Selected OIC Member Countries” was undertaken to develop and implement a crisis communication plan and to set up a recovery plan.
- SESRIC implemented a project called “Improving Islamic Tourism Ecosystem in OIC Member Countries: Destination and Industry Development” as a continuation of the previous COMCEC funded projects.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the COMCEC Tourism Working Group was held on February 13, 2019, in Turkey with the theme of “Sustainable Destination Management Strategies in the OIC Member Countries”. The research report includes three field visits, namely Maldives, Oman and Uganda.

- 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the COMCEC Tourism Working Group was held on October 31, 2019 in Ankara with the theme of “Developing Multi-Destination Tourism Corridors in the OIC Member Countries”.
- Project titled “Training of Accommodation Providers in the OIC Member Countries on Muslim Friendly Tourism Standards and Quality Service Provision” was implemented. The purpose was to familiarize the accommodation service providers in the Gambia and in other Members with the Muslim Friendly Tourism (MFT).
- Project titled “Improving Human Capacity on Muslim Friendly Tourism for Regulating Accommodation Establishments in the OIC Member Countries” was implemented. The aim was to enable participants to regulate the accommodation establishments in the light of MFT Guidelines.
- ICDT implemented the project titled “Developing Muslim-Friendly Tourism (MFT) in Guyana and Suriname” within the framework of COMCEC Project Funding. The purpose of this project was to raise awareness of MFT in Guyana and Suriname with a view to enhancing the MFT ecosystem in these two countries.
- SESRIC, in collaboration with the University of Kastamonu in Turkey, held a panel discussion on “Prospects and Challenges in Halal Tourism in the Islamic World” on the sidelines of the Second International Halal Congress on 4 April 2019 in Antalya, Turkey.
- SESRIC organized an International Seminar on “Development of Muslim Friendly Tourism in the Dhaka City” on 15 October 2019 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- SESRIC organized the “OIC City of Tourism Award 2019 for Dhaka” on 15 October 2019 to acknowledge the contribution of tour operators.
- ICCIA and ICDT were asked to create an “OIC Tourism Portal” or “OIC Internet Guide for Tourism” in three languages for the dissemination of information on tourism related issues in the OIC Countries. In this respect, ICCIA has prepared a section on Islamic Tourism.
- ICDT and COMCEC Coordination office organized within the framework of COMCEC Project Funding, a training workshop on developing Muslim-Friendly Tourism in Paramaribo, Suriname on 15-17 July 2019 for the benefit of participants from Suriname and Guyana.

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

- Training on “Skills and Entrepreneurship Development” was organized within the framework of the OIC Capacity Building Programme on 3-4 October 2019.
- Meeting of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee of the OIC-VET Program: “Implementation of the OIC TVET Strategic Roadmap 2025” was held on 17-18 December 2019.
- SESRIC organized a Study Visit on “Developing a Successful Employment and Skills Policies and Strategies” on 18-20 September 2019 in Ankara.

- ICCIA co-organized the “1<sup>st</sup> Arab Corporate Citizenship Forum” under the titled “Towards Sustainable Growth”, in Abu Dhabi, U.A.E. on 23 January 2019.
- The Forum focused on the role of women entrepreneurs in changing the culture of their countries and empowering women and youth in achieving sustainable growth. The Forum addressed the issue of green economy and its impact on sustainable development.

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

- IsDB has a long history of supporting women’s SMEs through the development of projects and programs in its member countries. The “Business Resilience Assistance for Value-adding Enterprises for Women” (BRAVE Women) program, is a good example. It is implemented in Yemen, Mali and Nigeria. The development objectives of the program is to enhance the resilience of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) owned/managed by women in selected value chains as potential engines for innovation, employment, and improved standard of living.
- “She Trades Egypt” (2019-2020) is a pilot project implemented in partnership with the International Trade Center (ITC), the owner of the She Trade Global Initiative. The aim of the project is to increase the participation of 50 women-owned SMEs in export-oriented value chains by enhancing their competitiveness and their capacity to penetrate both local and regional markets.
- ITFC has prioritized the importance of establishing partnerships with regional and local Financial Institutions (FIs) for the provision of alternate sources and modes of financing for private sector support, with a particular focus on SMEs.
- ITFC provides Murabaha Financing to local financial institutions through Two-Step Murabaha Financing (25MF) and Lines of Financing mechanisms to banks which, in turn, extend the financing to SMEs and private sector clients. This not only contributes to creating needed access to finance, but it also helps promote Islamic banking as partner banks are introduced to Islamic financing instruments.
- SESRIC, the Islamic Chamber Research and Information Center (ICRIC) and the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF) jointly organized a two-day Workshop on “Effect of Entrepreneurship Strategies on SMEs Development” on 30 April – 1 May 2019 in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran.
- SESRIC delivered high level “Training of Trainers (ToT) Course on Entrepreneurship and SME Development” to 15 trainers from Libya during the period 17-22 September 2019 in Istanbul, Turkey.
- The COMCEC mandated the ICCIA to set-up OIC Arbitration Centre, affiliated to the Islamic Chamber in collaboration with TOBB in Istanbul, which would serve the business community of the OIC Countries.
- ICCIA represented the Private Sector at the 2<sup>nd</sup> High Level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation held in Buenos Aires on 20-22 March 2019 and was given the singular honor to make a statement on behalf of the Private Sector.

- On the Sidelines of the UN Conference, the Islamic Chamber organized a Side-Event under the title of the “Role of the OIC Institutions for the Promotion of South-South Cooperation among 57 Member Countries” on 19 March 2019 in Buenos Aires.
- ITFC partnered with TFO Canada, for the implementation of its capacity building program in Dhaka with the kick-off of a project titled “Export Launchpad Bangladesh”. The Export Launchpad Bangladesh project is designed to address key constraints faced by SMEs. It is planned to launch the project activities during the Q4-2019.

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

### **Goal 2.10**

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- Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH) Inter-Islamic Networks carried out the following capacity building activities in the year 2018-2019.
- Inter-Islamic Network on Space Sciences and Technology (ISNET) Karachi, Pakistan arranged 3 international workshops on space technologies and its use. In these workshops, a total of 15 participants were sponsored by ISNET.
- UN/Pakistan/PSIPW 4<sup>th</sup> Intl Conference on the Use of Space Technology for Water Management (26 February – 2 March 2018) held in Islamabad, Pakistan.
- International Workshop on Geomagnetism and Ionosphere for OIC Member Countries (10-17 November 2018) held in Sonmiani, Pakistan.
- UN/Jordan conference on Space Exploration and Innovation from 25-28 March 2019 at Royal Jordanian Geographic Centre (RJGC), Amman, Jordan.
- 12<sup>th</sup> General Body Meeting (GBM) of ISNET (26 March 2019), held at Amman, Jordan. The meeting was attended by representatives of member countries and official representatives from COMSTECH.
- Global Space Congress from 19-21 March 2019 held at Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Inter-Islamic S&T Network on Oceanography (INOC), Izmir, Turkey has been paying attention to various aspects of Oceanography, with emphasis on ocean mapping, marine fisheries and inland water bodies. It organized a training course on Marine Sonar and Seismic Surveys in the INOC Member States, Izmir, Turkey.
- Inter-Islamic Network of Virtual Universities (CINVU), Tehran, Iran held its first General Assembly on September 24, 2018 Tehran, Iran. The network organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly and the 1<sup>st</sup> Exhibition of the achievements of Virtual Universities in the Islamic World on 6-8 October 2019 in Tehran.
- Inter Islamic Network on Information Technology (INIT), Islamabad, Pakistan work is focused on use of Inclusive Technologies for disabled, minorities and use of technologies in Least Developed Member countries. List of their work carried out in the year 2018-2019 is given below.

- 3-Day Training Workshop on Non-Visual Display Software for the Visually Impaired August 1, 2018, COMSATS University Islamabad, Pakistan.
- INIT Contributions to the UNESCAP Regional Consultation on Inclusive Technology and Innovation Policies August 28-29, 2018, Bangkok, Kingdom of Thailand.
- 5-Day International Training Workshop on Internet Security: Enhancing Information Exchange Safeguards December 23-27, 2018, Doha, State of Qatar.
- INIT-UNESCAP Expert Meeting on Disability-inclusive Technology and Innovation August 30, 2018, Bangkok, Kingdom of Thailand.
- A detailed Implementation Workplan for the OIC STI Agenda was prepared by COMSTECH. This was presented to the Steering in its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 18-19 March, 2019 at the COMSTECH Secretariat.
- COMSTECH organized the 1<sup>st</sup> OIC Robotics Challenge for students 17-23 year olds, in Tashkent, Uzbekistan 27-31 October 2019. This is an effort to promote creative efforts in new technologies, encourage competitiveness and awareness of frontier sciences, and improve fraternal relations between the youth of member states.
- COMSTECH co-organized the IsDB Transformers Roadshow for Pakistan on 04 May, 2019 at the COMSTECH Secretariat, Islamabad, Pakistan. The event attracted over 300 innovative projects and the 20 short listed teams made presentation of their innovations to an international jury.
- COMSTECH in partnership with the Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad, Pakistan and Beijing Institute of Genomics, Chinese Academy of Sciences organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Biodiversity and Health Big Data (BHBD) Alliance Meeting and Symposium, on July 18, 2019, at the COMSTECH Secretariat, Islamabad.
- COMSTECH biennial awards recognize outstanding research work carried out by scientists who are citizens of, and working in, OIC member states. These awards are intended to encourage and support scientific contributions. COMSTECH announced the competition for 2019 awards for Life-time contributions in 'Mathematics' and 'Physics'. Besides these, there are awards for Excellence in Science & Technology.
- ICYF organized the Doha Oasis for innovation, an international science and technology event in the framework of Doha OIC Youth Capital 2019, where more than 40 Young Muslim Innovators from 32 OIC member states came together to develop talents and abilities in the fields of invention, innovation, and manufacturing.
- ISESCO organized Consultative Meeting for Implementation of Islamic Observatory on Science, Technology and Innovation Policies (STI), Amman, 18-19 February 2019.
- ISESCO organized a regional workshop on Energy and Gender, Banjul, 19-21 March 2019.
- ISESCO organized a Forum on the effective tools for implementation of the Pan-Islamic Research and Education Network (PIREN) Project, ISESCO HQ, 2-3 May 2019.
- ISESCO organized a workshop for decision makers on the benefits of using space technologies for the member states, Cairo, 9-11 September 2019.

- ISESCO launched ISESCO Science and Technology Prize (Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Maths and Technology) 2019.
- ISESCO launched ISESCO Research Grants Program for young scientists in areas of sciences, 2019.
- ISESCO updated Nanotechnology Online Training Programme, ISESCO HQ, 2019.
- ISESCO organized the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Conference on Nanomaterials and Nanodevices, 2019.
- COMSTECH has prepared the implementation plan for the OIC STI agenda that set the priorities and strategies for strengthening STI capabilities of the OIC countries. The First meeting of the steering committee comprising OIC institutions was held at COMSTECH Secretariat, Islamabad in March 2019.
- Meeting of sub-committee on Science and Technology was held on 4-5 December 2019 that reviewed the progress made on OIC implementation plan for the OIC STI Agenda 2026.
- Pursuant to the mandate given by successive summits and particularly the 46<sup>th</sup> session of CFM, Government of Kazakhstan in coordination with OIC General Secretariat and COMSTECH is in process to organize a brainstorming session for establishment of OIC-15 Dialogue Platform in Almaty Kazakhstan on 19 November 2019.
- Statistics Course on “Science, Technology and Innovation Statistics” in Indonesia by SESRIC on 13-15 May 2019.
- SESRIC organized a Study and the Start-up Meeting of the Reverse Linkage project between Bangladesh and Turkey on 4-8 November 2019.
- UNA Training Center organized, on 4 April 2019, an introductory training course for the Union’s staffers on the mechanism of qualification and training as well as the issuance of ISO Quality Certifications.
- SMIIIC participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Steering Committee for Implementation of OIC STI agenda 2026 which was held at Standing Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH) headquarters on 18-19 March 2019 in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan.
- ISESCO organized a Regional Expert Meeting on mechanisms for supporting innovation and local know-hows, Lome, 1-3 April 2019.
- ISESCO organized a Regional Workshop on Entrepreneurship for scientists and engineers in member states, Amman, 4-5 August 2019.

## **Priority Area 11: Education**

### **Goal 2.11**

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- The Gambia implemented the project on “Training on Entrepreneurship for Teachers in the Selected OIC Countries” to enhance entrepreneurship skills of the teachers’ as well as the productive capacities of the students.

- In 2019, Afghanistan implemented the project titled “Improving the Quality of Education through Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in the OIC Countries”. The project was targeted at enhancing the institutional capacity of Afghanistan for disadvantaged children’s access to qualified education in the rural regions through ICT.
- ICYF organized the “2<sup>nd</sup> International Model OIC for High Schools”, in cooperation with Beyoglu Education and Cultural Foundation on 12 April 2019, Istanbul/Turkey, under the theme of “Reviewing the Past and Building the Future in the Light of the History of Islamic Science.
- IsDB education sector has been approved with a theme focusing on “education for human development”. Its core pillars are on “enhanced provision of basic education” and “post-basic education provision” while the third “advocacy and advisory services” cuts across all levels. The sector strategy is being developed with an intent to differentiate the approaches by region.
- IsDB education sector in partnership with several organizations in the Muslim world has initiated the development of a Common Framework of Reference for Arabic Language to promote the use of Arabic language as a vehicle for development.
- IsDB completed Enhancing the Madrassa Learning Environment Project in Bangladesh that resulted in improved learning outcomes in 95 Madrassas located in flood prone low-lying areas.
- ISESCO organized a Regional Seminar on Sharing the Mechanism of Key Performance Indicators (KPI) for Accreditation in African Universities, Abuja, 15-16 April 2019.
- ISESCO launched the educational exchange programme and mobility of students among member states (TAFAHUM Programme), ISESCO HQ 10-11 July 2019.
- ISESCO organized workshop on developing methods, curricula and school textbooks for teaching Arabic Language in countries speaking other languages, Uzbekistan, 10-13 September, Turkey October, Nigeria 8-11 July, Mauritius December 2019.
- ISESCO contributed in promoting academic capacities of universities and higher education institutions in the field of Arabic language and Islamic civilization studies in the member states, January-December 2019.
- ISESCO launched the “ISESCO Prize for Open Digital Educational Resources”, ISESCO HQ 2019.
- Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) contributes annually US\$ 2,000,000 to both the Islamic Universities in Niger and in Uganda (US\$ 1 million each). ISF supports as well other universities. Its total contribution to this sector amounted to US\$ 5,150,000 during 2018-2019.
- During 2018 and 2019, the total contribution of the Islamic Solidarity Fund to the schools and academic institutions amounts to (US\$ 1,125,000).
- Islamic University of Technology (IUT) Dhaka has completed some important activities in the fulfilment of its goals / objectives. These include:



- Construction of a one-storied temporary tin-roofed building with 08-classrooms in order to ease the accommodation problem in the classrooms.
- Expediting the process of internationalization by raising the number of students and staff, turning the university into a centre of excellence, accelerating the process of accreditation with international accreditation bodies.
- IUT has awarded partial scholarships to 31 international students in addition to its conventional full scholarship scheme from the ‘special scholarship account’ in the current academic year.
- IUT has strengthened its efforts to recruit female staffers. Towards this end, the university recruited more than 15 female staff member including faculties creating a new milestone in the history of employment of womenfolk in the University.
- IUT has offered two language courses, i.e. English and French, for the students during the inter-session break i.e. in December 2018. During the next inter-session break, sometimes in December 2019, in addition to English and French courses, special Arabic course will be offered for the students.
- IUT has completed the fifth level of the female dormitory within its own resources. The construction of the sixth level of the female dormitory has just been completed where all the female students have been accommodated there.
- In order to make paperless work environment for, among others, saving money and boosting productivity, the digitalization programmes have been going on in the IUT and will be geared-up in the future.
- The review meeting on TAFAHUM Program on Exchange of Students, Faculty and Researchers among universities in the OIC member states was held at ISESCO Headquarters in Rabat from 10-11 July 2019.
- Under the OIC Educational Exchange Programme, Government of Pakistan has announced 100 additional scholarships for the students of 15 OIC Least Developed 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, promoting public understanding of new scientific and technological developments and integrating knowledge in the socio-economic development process.
- SESRIC is preparing “Education and Scientific Development 2019” report to be released by the end of the year.
- Statistics Course on “Educational Statistics” in Gambia by SESRIC was held on 7-9 January 2019.
- SESRIC organized Study Visit on “Education Statistics” to Turkey on 24-25 July 2019 to exchange experiences on the topics related to Literacy, Illiteracy and Educational Level of Population.
- WFAIIS is working on the project regarding establishment of Education Science and International Informatics University in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

- WFAIS is pursuing project on establishing Traditional Qur'anic Schools in Desert Villages in Northern and Central Sinai, Arab Republic of Egypt.
- WFAIS is working on Draft Statutes of World Exam Board of Arabic and Islamic Schools.
- WFAIS is pursuing project for establishing Distance Learning Online Platform of OIC member states during 2018-2019.

**Priority Area 12: Health**  
**Goals 2.12.1 to 2.12.3**

**Goal 2.12.1**

- COMSTECH participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> STEP International Conference arranged by the Mustafa Prize Foundation entitled, “Cutting Edge Pharmaceutical Approaches to Meet the Emerging health Challenges of CDS and NCDS; with an Emphasis on Female Scientists’ Contributions”, during February 27 – March 02, 2019, at the Dr. Panjwani Centre for Molecular Medicine and Drug Research (International Centre for Chemical and Biological Sciences, University of Karachi, Karachi).
- An IsDB Vaccine Alliance for Production and Immunization (VAPI) and Heart Diseases Support Program (HDSP) are under formulation. Short-term consultants have been identified, final documents are expected to be ready by December 2019.
- Islamic Development Bank financed a total of 15 operations in 12 countries (i.e. Gambia, Guinea, Mauritania, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Uganda, etc.). One of the focus areas of all IsDB interventions, apart from treating women, is the social and economic reintegration of women suffering medical disorder.
- IsDB has implemented a project namely Mother First: End Fistula from Bangladesh, the project established 5 birth centers and provided services for vulnerable women in Cox’s Bazar district to prevent and eradicate Obstetric Fistula.
- IsDB under Fael Khair Program (FKP), is financing the construction of 5 Ship based Mobile Medical Units (MMUs). The MMUs will be operated for 5 years and will move in various rivers of the country and provide Primary Healthcare Services.
- Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) contribution during 2018-2019 to the health sector amounts to US\$ 737,000.
- 6<sup>th</sup> 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.
- A brainstorming Workshop for operationalisation of the OIC Medical Corps was held in Ankara on 17-18 July 2019. The meeting adopted the rules of procedure for the Medical Corps and put in place mechanisms and processes for its operationalisation.
- Preparations for the meeting of National Focal Persons for the OIC Health Portal is underway to sensitize them on content Management of the Portal.

- 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the OIC Steering Committee on Health (SCH) was held in Abu Dhabi, on 08 October 2019. The meeting was preceded by the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Lead Country Coordinators Group for the implementation of the thematic areas of the OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action (OIC-SHPA) 2014-2023 on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019.
- SESRIC, the Ministry of Health of Turkey, Ministry of Health of Sudan, and the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) organized a Training Course on “Disaster and Prehospital Emergency Medicine” on 23-27 March 2019 in Mogadishu, Somalia.
- ISESCO organized workshop on integrating health and environmental education into educational programmes and curricula and developing their teaching methods, October 2019.
- ISESCO organized a Regional Training workshop on big data in public health, Astana, 2019.
- ISESCO organized Medical, Social and Educational Caravan, Jordan, November 2019.

### **Goal 2.12.2**

- COMSTECH is in advanced stage of planning community health Workshops and Trainings for health workers in Africa with the cooperation of Makerere University, Uganda, and the Agha Khan Foundation. These trainings will focus initially on Mother and Child Care, (maternal, newborn and child care) as a basic theme of the OIC health priority.
- IsDB has approved US\$ 100.00 million project for support “Polio Eradication Program – Phase III” in Pakistan.
- Sudan in cooperation with Turkey, SESRIC and the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) is carrying out efforts aimed at enhancing the health workforce capacity in target OIC Member States under the project entitled “Strengthening Coordination and Capacity Building on Preparedness and Response for Health Emergencies in OIC Member States”.
- Sixth meeting of the Islamic Advisory Group for Polio Eradication (IAG) was held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt on 04 September 2019. In the IAG Work Plan for the year 2020, OIC General Secretariat is required to take on a leading role in the organization of a consultative meeting with partners.
- “Intensive Care & Infection Control Training” for Afghanistan, Albania and Bangladesh was organized by SESRIC on 11-29 March 2019.

### **Goal 2.12.3**

- COMSTECH co-organized an international Conference on Medicinal Chemistry and Drug Discovery, in October 2018. As one of the outcomes of the Conference a Working Group was formed to identify ways to help researchers in member states to commercialize their research.

- IsDB Health Sector Policy (HSP) under the theme “Affordable quality Health Services for Human Development” is in progress. Enabling factors include resource mobilization, building capacity of human resources for health, partnership development.
- OIC Workshop on Cold Chain Vaccine Management was conducted in Bandung, on 1-2 October 2019. Aim of the workshop was to build useful networks for joint Islamic action in achieving self-reliance in the production and supply of quality, safe and affordable vaccines among the OIC member states.
- SESRIC hosted the “Brainstorming Workshop for OIC Medical Corps” on 3-4 July 2019 in Ankara, to deliberate on the mechanism for its implementation.
- SESRIC, in collaboration with Doctors Worldwide, organized a “Medical Observership Programme for the Palestinian Doctors” on 1-26 April 2019 at Zeynep Kamil Training and Research Hospital in Istanbul.
- SESRIC organizes periodic “Webinar on OIC Health Portal” to train the focal points of the member states on the OIC Health Portal Content Management Strategy.

**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**

- IRCICA made presentations at the Seventh Ministerial Conference on “Women’s Role in Development in Member States”, Ouagadougou, 28-29 November 2018 and in its preparatory workshop, Ouagadougou, 28-29 June 2018.
- IsDB, through its Women and Youth Empowerment Division, implemented two educational projects benefitting girls.
- Girls Read to Succeed” project is implemented in the state of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK), Pakistan (2019-2020).
- Improving the participation and performance of girls in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)” in Burkina Faso, Senegal and Togo (2019-2021) is implemented in partnership with the pan-African NGO, the Forum for African Women and Educationalists (FAWE).
- IsDB’s prospectus for 2019-2020 includes advancing its strategic initiatives by operationalizing the Women Empowerment Policy and Youth Strategy.
- Arab Republic of Egypt hosted on 16 June 2019, in Cairo, the first meeting of the open-ended ad-doc Experts Group Meeting for the preparation of the draft internal rules of the Women Development Organization.
- Arab Republic of Egypt hosted on 17 June 2019 in Cairo, a Ministerial Round Table on women political, economic and social empowerment in the Muslim world with the participation of ministers in charge of women in the Member States and representatives from UN Women and the African Union.

- SESRIC held at its Headquarters a training session on 17-18 September 2019 in Ankara on the guidelines for the preparation, formulation and submission of national progress reports on the implementation of OPAAW with the participation of national institutions working in the field of women empowerment in Member States and experts from relevant OIC organs.
- Women Consultative Council held its fourth meeting on 12 May 2019 at the General Secretariat with the presence of the Minister of Women of Burkina Faso, Chairperson of the Seventh Ministerial Conference of Women.
- Women Consultative Council developed the Concept Paper on OIC Gender Policy prepared by SESRIC, to be presented to the 8th session of the Ministerial Conference on Women in Egypt in 2020.
- General Secretariat (Family Affairs Department) held on 1-2 October 2019 an Open-ended Governmental Experts Group Meeting to discuss the draft OIC strategy on marriage and family institution empowerment and preservation of its values in the Islamic world. The draft strategy will be presented to the Ministerial Conference on Social Development to be held on 7-9 December 2019 in Turkey.
- A committee composed of IIFA and the General Secretariat has been established to lay the foundations for legislation in Shari'as provisions on issues relating to the forced marriage of underage girls, HIV and human trafficking.
- IIFA participated in the Seventh Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of Member States, in Ouagadougou – Burkina Faso, from 29 November to 2 December 2018, on challenges related to the development and support of women in the Member States.

### **Goal 2.13.2**

- ICYF held “National Executive Model OIC Pakistan 2018”, in cooperation with Karachi University and MOIC Club Pakistan on 21-23 December 2018 in Karachi university/Pakistan. MOIC is an academic simulation of the OIC aiming at educating participants about current trends in theory and practice of International relations, effective communication and multilateral diplomacy.
- ICYF organized a workshop for more than 40 women on “Active Youth Participation in Decision Making Mechanism”, in cooperation with Governor of Duzce, Women institutions and foundations on 16 March 2019 in Duzce/Turkey. The ICYF team conducted training on Model OIC and decision-making process.
- ICYF organized a side event training for more than 50 African students on “Irregular Migration at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Pan African Youth Conference on African Unity and Development” on 24-25 March 2019 in Banjul/Gambia. The training was organized for the benefit of the African youth from OIC Member States in Africa on matters related with irregular migration challenges.
- ICYF held a “Diplomatic Simulation at Turkic Council’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Young Leaders Forum”, on “The Need to strengthen Intra-OIC Cooperation in Addressing Youth Challenges” as part

of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Young Leaders Forum organized by Turkic Council in Turkestan, Republic of Kazakhstan on 24 April 2019.

- ICYF in partnership with the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Turkey organized OIC Youth Day, falling on September 3 every year. The event held high-level panels under the theme ‘Cooperation and Solidarity’, with representatives from several youth organizations, ministries, and the OIC, to take stock of the state of youth throughout the Muslim World.
- IRCICA organized “Tabriz International Festival for Women Artisans”, comprising the “Tabriz International Congress on Contribution of Women in the Field of the Crafts Sector”; “Tabriz International Award for Women Artisans”, and the “International Exhibition of Women Artisans”, 13-20 June 2019.
- ISESCO undertook the project on literacy and vocational training for the benefit of women groups in Benin, Kotonou, 27 January – 11 August 2019.
- ISESCO supported programme of raising women’s awareness about protecting and highlighting cultural heritage toward achieving local development, Sogo, Mali, 5-7 March 2019.
- International Union of Muslim Scouts (IUMS) has developed the Muslim World Scout’s plan up to 2025 which included, for 2019 the execution of the project “the World Scouting Jamboree) the aim being that of projecting Islam to the non-Muslim Scout leaders and educating non-Muslim scouts about Islam.
- International Union of Muslim Scouts (IUMS) participated in the 24<sup>th</sup> edition of the International Scouting Jamboree which gathered in the city of Charleston, in Western Virginia, USA, from 22 July – 2 August 2019. IUMS successfully executed a large number of programmes which included building a mosque covering, arranging Friday prayers, producing a documentary on Muslim scholars and arranging lectures, on promoting Islam’s message of compassion, mercy, tolerance and moderation.
- SESRIC report “Youth and Technology in OIC Member States: Advantages and Disadvantages” aims to investigate the relationship between youth and technology in the OIC Member Countries. It was presented in November 2019.
- General Secretariat (Family Affairs Department) participated in the Extraordinary General Assembly of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation held on 3-4 April 2019 at the Conference Palace in Jeddah.
- General Secretariat (Family Affairs Department) participated in the Board meeting of the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF) held in Istanbul on 26 July 2019.
- Concept paper on “Youth and Migration” has been prepared in preparation to hold a seminar in one of the member states.
- Concept paper has been prepared for holding a youth forum on dialogue and moderation in coordination with the World Federation of Muslim Scouts.

- General Secretariat (Family Affairs Department) participated in the celebration of the OIC Youth Day organized by the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum in Istanbul on 3 September 2019.
- On 24 April 2018, the Chairman of UNA Training Center and the Secretary General of the International Union of Muslim Scouts (IUMS) signed an agreement to hold training courses in various fields of mutual interest.

### **Goal 2.13.3**

- ICYF organized “ICYF Ramadan Contest”, during the holy month of Ramadan, to bring together creative youth from all OIC countries. Winners were awarded cash prizes and full sponsorships to participate in ICYF Camps/activities in 2019.
- ICYF organized “Doha Muslim Youth Forum” with the partnership of Ministry of Culture and Sports of Qatar in the framework of Doha OIC Youth Capital from 11 to 15 June 2019 in Doha, Qatar.
- ICYF in partnership with the Association of Scientific Studies successfully implemented “The Islamic Intellectual Heritage Symposium” on 29 July 2019 in Istanbul. The symposium discussed the role of youth in reviving Islamic heritage in presence of more than 150 international students.
- ICYF organized workshop on “The Effects of Entrepreneurship Strategies on Development of Small & Medium Sized Enterprises” between 30 April -1 May 2019 in Tehran / Iran, in cooperation with the Islamic Chamber Research & Information Center (ICRIC), SESRIC and Small and Medium Industry Development Organization (KOSGEB).
- ICYF in partnership of Islamic International University of Malaysia (IIUM) University organized a panel workshop entitled “Youth Challenges Towards 2020” in the International Islamic University of Malaysia in May 2019. Leading Ph.D. and Master level students of IIUM participated and discussed the current challenges facing youth in the Muslim world.
- There is a wide array of youth-oriented initiatives/cases introduced by the IsDB through communities’ outreach with the aim of contributing to the empowerment and capacity building of young men and women.
- Islamic Development Bank-Bangladesh Islamic Solidarity Educational Wakf (IsDB-BISEW): the objective of the Program is to transform disadvantaged youth into a productive workforce by building their capacity, specifically strengthening their technical capability and employability skills.
- Youth Development Forums and Summit (2019): To assist establishing an enabling environment for heightened youth engagement, (i) promoting capacity development to equip young people with employment/entrepreneurial skills (ii) opening up new entry points that would facilitate inclusive and meaningful youth participation at the local, national, and regional levels.
- ISESCO organized a Regional workshop on Energy and Gender, Banjul, 19-21 March 2019.

- Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF) held its Extraordinary Meeting on 8 April 2019. It elected His Royal Highness Prince Abdulaziz bin Turki Al-Faisal as its Chairman by acclamation.
- ISSF 5th Weightlifting Championship was organized at Cairo on 8-14 December 2018.
- 3Rd ISSF International Solidarity Archery Championship was held at Dhaka on 22-27 February 2019.
- 2nd ISSF International Solidarity Tennis Championship was held on 23-28 July 2018.
- ISSF International Taekwondo Championship was held in Algiers in July 2019.
- ISSF co-organized Workshop on Intellectual Property in Sports Institutions in cooperation with the National Olympic Committee of UAE.
- ISSF signed Cooperation Agreement with the Association of National Olympic Committee on the sidelines of the 12th African Games on 19-31 August 2019 in Morocco.
- ISSF participated in the 14th session of the UN-OIC Coordination meeting held at the ISESCO Headquarters, Rabat.
- ISSF actively contributed to various OIC meetings including the Annual Coordination Meeting of OIC Institutions (ACMOI) and ICECS meeting preparatory to 46th session of the Council of Ministers.
- ISSF participated in the preparatory meeting hosted by IRCICA on 9-10 September 2019 for organizations attending EXPO Dubai next year.
- SESRIC organized a Training Session on “Guidelines for Preparing, Drafting and Submitting Progress Reports on Implementing OPAAW” on 17-18 September 2019.
- First meeting of the Steering Committee on Youth and Sports was held on 13 February 2019 at the General Secretariat with the participation of a number of Member States and OIC institutions active in the field of Youth.
- Draft was updated following the observations of member states and presented to the open-ended meeting of the Steering Committee on Youth and Sports held on 3 October 2019.
- Draft Plan will be adopted during the 5<sup>th</sup> Conference of Youth and Sports that will be held in March 2020 in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- Youth Strategy was issued in the form of a booklet in three languages and distributed to member states for its implementation as well as to help in developing their national policies on youth related issues.

#### **Goal 2.13.4**

- IsDB Scholarship Program: the main objective of the IsDB Scholarship Program has been to build the capacity of talented young male and female students, from MCs and through communities outreach in non-member countries, to pursue studies and research in top ranked universities worldwide.



- ISESCO organized a regional camp of excellence for outstanding girls in the fields of social development, Kampala, 8-14 July 2019.
- ISESCO organized national training session on ways to develop traditional handicrafts practiced by women and strengthening their competitive capabilities, 2019.
- SESRIC prepared and submitted “OIC Strategy for the Empowerment of the Family and Marriage Institution” on 10 July 2019.
- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Chair of the Ministerial Conference on the Institution of Family and Marriage held in Jeddah on 10-11 December 2018 , a symposium on specific measures and indicators to achieve the SDGs from a family perspective in the member states.
- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as current chair of the ministerial conference on the family and marital institution hosted a symposium, on 9 December 2018 in Jeddah to discuss ways and means to counter the UN Human Rights Council’s resolutions on sexual orientation.
- General Secretariat (Family Affairs Department) in coordination with the Islamic Chamber of Trade, Industry and Agriculture prepared a draft concept paper to hold a workshop in January 2020 at the General Secretariat to promote the concept of Family Bank in the G5 Sahel members.

#### **Goal 2.13.5**

- ISESCO organized a regional training workshop on developing leadership talents of women in STI, Brunei, October 2019.
- SESRIC prepared “OIC Strategy on the Elderly” on 1 January 2019 and is currently waiting for final feedback from Member States in order to finalize the document.
- OIC Award for Women's Achievements in the Islamic World was established and its first edition was organized during the Seventh Ministerial Conference on Women held on 30 November and 1 December 2018 in Burkina Faso, which recognized the initiatives of awardees in providing social services to their communities.
- UNA participated in the activities of the “Symposium on Specific Measures and Indicators for the Achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) from a Family Perspective” organized jointly by the OIC General Secretariat and Saudi Arabia’s Family Affairs Council, in Jeddah on 10-11 December 2018.

#### **Goal 2.13.6**

- General Secretariat (Family Affairs Department) in coordination with SESRIC prepared a joint paper on what the OIC Member States should target in the area of empowering the family and the associated indicators as part of their efforts to achieve SDGs. This paper will be presented to the Ministerial Conference on Social Development to be held on 7-9 December 2019 in Turkey.

- Princess Lalla Mariam, daughter of King Hassan II of Morocco, was appointed as the Goodwill Ambassador of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation in the field of family empowerment, the institution of marriage and the fight against underage marriage.
- Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the General Secretariat and the UN Women.
- OIC guideline for a unified national progress report and measurement of OPAAW implementation has been prepared.

### **Goal 2.13.7**

- IsDB's Youth Development Strategy (YDS) is the first strategy for the IsDB on youth development. The YDS has two principal objectives: (i) to support young women and men to be productive and economically empowered so as to contribute to the development of their societies; and (ii) to support young women and men to be engaged and responsible, in order to embody and embrace leadership.
- ISESCO held a workshop on building the capacities of women in entrepreneurship and leadership of social projects, Khartoum, 1-3 October 2019.
- Ministerial conferences on Family, Childhood, Elderly and People with Special Needs were merged into a Ministerial Conference on Social Development. The General Secretariat is working in coordination with the Republic of Turkey for holding the first session of the Conference on 7-9 December 2019.
- General Secretariat, the Women Consultative Council and the IPHRC and several relevant OIC organs participated in the annual meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York.
- IIFA in cooperation with various relevant partners and institutions is preparing a study on street children and street working children, covering statistical, practical and operational aspects with Islamic Shari'a perspective. This study will be presented to the IIFA Council at its next session, and a resolution on street children by published.

## **Priority Area 14: Joint Islamic Humanitarian Action**

### **Goals 2.14.1 to 2.14.2**

### **Goal 2.14.1**

- Preparations are well underway to convene workshops and seminars on Islamic Social Finance; on humanitarian think tanks and also developing the capacities of OIC humanitarian NGOs.
- Islamic Committee of International Crescent (ICIC) continued to launch appeals for humanitarian assistance to the victims of disasters, armed conflicts, refugees and displaced persons in some Islamic regions in coordination with National Societies of Red Crescent/Red Cross in OIC Member States.

- ICYF organized “The First Iftars Drive” in order to reinforce the bond of unity, brotherhood and solidarity between the Muslim Youth. The Iftars were held in Senegal, Cameroon, and Palestine during the month of Ramadan. ICYF representatives distributed Ramadan gift boxes to local families during the days of Eid-al-Fitr. ICYF is planning to implement further Iftars in at least 10 OIC Member Countries in 2020.
- ICYF in cooperation with Sadakatas foundation organized Eid al-Adha Campaign in Niger, where the two sides distributed 50 sacrifices for families in need. The ICYF plans to increase the number of Eid al Adha campaign in the coming years.
- ISESCO organized a regional training workshop for the staff of the ministries of education and care institutions on using assistive technology for children with special needs, Cairo, 17-21 February 2019.
- ISESCO supported the open schools for refugee children, Djibouti, April 2019.
- Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) participated in the OIC delegation to Somalia during the period from 28 July to 1 August 2019. The delegation paid visits to some sites to allocate emergency assistance of US\$ 100,000 to water and education sectors in coordination with the Zamzam Foundation.
- ISF total contribution to the Emergency sector during 2018-2019 amounts to US\$ 500,000.
- ISF contributed Emergency humanitarian assistance of US\$ 200,000 to Rohingya Muslims in Bangladesh.
- ISF contributed Emergency humanitarian assistance of US\$ 200,000 to the Republic of Sudan to alleviate the suffering of people affected by torrential rains and flooding that swept some states of Sudan.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Meeting of the Expert Group on Refugee and IDP Statistics” was hosted by SESRIC at its headquarters on 12-14 February 2019.
- UNA signed, on 13 March 2018, a memorandum of cooperation with the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC) to enhance the media coverage of ICIC activities and train the media professionals in the coverage of humanitarian work in Islamic countries.
- ISESCO organized a Training Workshop on satellite images for natural hazard’s assessment and analysis, Abidjan, 14-15 April 2019.
- IIFA in cooperation with other relevant institutions is preparing a study on the Islamic perspective of using Zakat and Waqf proceeds for financing humanitarian aid.
- IIFA contributes as the legal reference institution to the effectiveness of technical committees’ meetings held by SMIC and studies Halal issues in all the specifications to be published.
- IIFA is member of the IAG as well as its Executive Committee and meets its scientific and administrative requirements of fight against polio.

- IIFA participated in the first meeting of the Committee for the Revision of the Covenant on the Rights of the Child in Islam, organized by the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC), at the Commission headquarters, on December 1, 2018.
- IIFA participated in the 14<sup>th</sup> session of the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC), on “Reinforcement and Protection of Migrants’ Rights” held in Jeddah on December 4, 2018.

#### **Goal 2.14.2**

- General Secretariat (Humanitarian Affairs Department) is in contact with Azerbaijan to arrange a follow up conference on refugees in the Muslim world by the end of 2019.
- ICIC provided financial contribution to the Mozambican Red Cross Society in July 2019 to support its efforts to help the victims of the floods.
- ICIC implemented the pilot project of livelihood support for widowed/divorced women with orphan children in KOSOVO.
- In cooperation with the Comorian Red Crescent Society, ICIC contributed to the project of Arab Red Crescent and the Red Cross Organization for the development assistance to poor families in the Comoros.
- ICIC implemented a program of distributing humanitarian aid packages for children of displaced persons in Benghazi and its suburbs, funded by the Islamic Solidarity Fund, in cooperation with the Libyan Relief and Humanitarian assistance Organization and the Libyan Red Crescent Society, numbering (2000) children for three months.
- Completion of the development of humanitarian assistance projects and the development of human and institutional capacities in Gaza Strip, with funding received from some humanitarian Organizations of Bahrain to be implemented by the end of 2019.
- ICIC developed awareness assistance projects in cooperation with the Qatar Red Crescent Society and with some universities and scientific centers for the Red Crescent Society in Northern Cyprus.
- ICIC developed various humanitarian assistance projects and presented for consideration to the Islamic Development Bank and to certain National Societies of Red Crescent/Red Cross and humanitarian Organizations. These include:
  - Project to support repatriation and peace in countries experiencing humanitarian disasters and crises.
  - The project of establishing a network of volunteers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent.
  - Livelihood Support Project for Farmers in the village of Kosi in Bosnia.
  - Food support project for IDPs in the Central African Republic.
  - Food and hygiene support project for asylum seekers in the Republic of Djibouti.
  - Project to increase access to health services for the most vulnerable in Kyrgyzstan.

- Education Support Project for Children, Students and Religious Leaders in Macedonia.
- Project on Community Capacity Development in Risk Reduction and Disaster Response in Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.
- Fourth consultative meeting between ICIC and the National Red Crescent and Red Cross Societies in OIC countries was held on January 30, 2019, hosted by the Turkish Red Crescent Society in Istanbul.
- ICIC participated in the Conference of establishing a network of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, in the region of the Organization Islamic Cooperation in Istanbul, Turkey on 28-29 January 2019.
- ICIC participated in the meetings of the 44<sup>th</sup> session of General Assembly of the Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross Organization held in Kuwait City on 22-24 April 2019.
- ICIC and the Islamic Forum of International Humanitarian Law held the 3<sup>rd</sup> international symposium on “human dignity in Islamic jurisprudence and international humanitarian law” at the Higher Institute of Islamic Civilization at the University of Zaytuna Tunisia, 29-30 April 2019.
- ICIC held the 4<sup>th</sup> Moot Court for the year 2019, for students of law faculties in Mbale and Kampala universities. Financial support for the initiation of the joint program with the Faculty of Law to commence the first semester of the Postgraduate Diploma (MA) for studies of international affairs and human diplomacy, started in October 2019.
- ICIC contributed in the follow-up celebration of the International Humanitarian Law Day in honour of the commandment of Abu Bakr, (may Allah be pleased with him) was organized in Algeria, Qatar, Tunisia, Malaysia and Libya. The preparation and processing of issues 15, 16 and 17 of the Al-Wasiya Review were issued in September 2019.
- ICIC collaborated with National Red Crescent and Red Cross Societies in Africa as part of the preparation of the first national coordinators’ workshop held on 3-7 November 2019.
- ICIC cooperated with the Libyan Red Crescent Society and the Libyan Authority for Relief and Humanitarian Aid to provide humanitarian assistance with the support of ISF to the displaced persons in some areas in Libya.
- ICIC undertook working visits to a number of OIC member states to cooperate in humanitarian fields, especially with the Red Crescent and Red Cross societies in Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Egypt, Turkey, Iraq, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo.
- Islamic Development Bank supported HOPE Hospital for Women established inside Kutupalong and Nayapara Rohingya camp in Cox’s Bazar. The hospital is providing both inpatient and outpatient services, thus preventing unnecessary death and disability. The facility increased the patient access to care in this catchment area of at least 300,000 people.
- ISESCO co-organized the 1<sup>st</sup> session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers of Social Affairs, Istanbul, November 2019.
- ISESCO organized a medical and social caravan, Jordan, November 2019.

- SESRIC organized “Expert Group Meeting on Stateless Persons Statistics” to share country experiences, and addressing the challenges on 14-15 February 2019.

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

**Goal 2.15.1**

- IPHRC held its 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Regular sessions in December 2018 and April 2019 respectively. Thematic debates on the topic of ‘Promoting and protecting the rights of refugees and migrants; An Islamic and international human rights obligation’ and ‘The Role of Human Rights in Promoting Good governance.’ were held.
- The 16<sup>th</sup> IPHRC Session was held in November 2019 where a thematic debate on the topic of ‘Protecting Environment and Climate Change: A Human Rights Perspective’ was held.
- IPHRC participated in the 63<sup>rd</sup> session of the United Nations CSW held from 11-22 March 2019 at the UN Headquarters in New York. A high-level side event was organized by the Chair of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference on the role of women in development of the OIC Member States.
- The OIC Summit held in Makkah on 31 May 2019 mandated the OIC General Secretariat in collaboration with IPHRC to devise a comprehensive strategy to combat Islamophobia with a view to establishing a legally binding international instrument to prevent the growing acts of religious intolerance, hatred and discrimination. IPHRC has submitted a draft of the proposed strategy to the General Secretariat for finalization and onward submission to the CFM.
- IPHRC in collaboration with the Government of Uzbekistan and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights organized 6<sup>th</sup> International Seminar on the topic of ‘Importance of promoting and protecting the rights of Youth for building peaceful and democratic societies and sustainable development’ in Tashkent on 7-8 October 2019.
- IPHRC, in principle, has decided to undertake the Second visit to Occupied Palestine including Gaza in accordance with the CFM mandate to have a complete picture of the human rights situation. Details of the visit are being worked out.
- On the sidelines of the 41<sup>st</sup> HRC Session, IPHRC delegation participated in an event organized by the OIC, namely “Half a century of occupation and discrimination; Towards accountability and justice in Palestine”.
- IPHRC continues to raise awareness on the human rights violations by the Israeli security forces against innocent Palestinians. IPHRC condemned the increasing Israeli human rights abuses in Palestine and called for ending the long-standing Israeli occupation of Palestine.
- IPHRC is closely monitoring the grave human rights violations and the humanitarian situation in the Indian Occupied Kashmir (IoK). It has issued several Press Statements highlighting the plight of Kashmiri Muslims. After the Indian revocation of special status

of Kashmir and imposition of an inhuman security crackdown in IOK, IPHRC issued numerous statements strongly condemning these illegal and inhuman acts.

- On the invitation of the All Parties Parliamentary Group (APPG), IPHRC participated in the International Kashmir Conference held at the British Parliament in London on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019. The Conference was organized by a cross party group of British Parliamentarians to commemorate the Kashmir Solidarity Day.
- IPHRC participated in the 46<sup>th</sup> Session of CFM held in Abu Dhabi from 1-2 March 2019. The CFM elected 09 (Nine) Members of the Commission from the three OIC regional groups for a period of three years, with effect from August 2019.
- SESRIC in cooperation with the OIC Independent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC) prepared “Human Rights Standards and Institutions in OIC Countries” report to address the growing human rights concerns and efforts of the OIC Member States.

#### **Goal 2.15.2**

- IPHRC condemned, in the strongest terms, the two terrorist attacks against innocent Muslims, in Christchurch City, New Zealand. The Commission urged the Government of New Zealand to speedily bring to justice the perpetrators of this crime and take concrete measures to ensure the safety and security of all its minorities including religious groups.
- IPHRC continued to dwell on the human rights and humanitarian situation of the Rohingya Muslims during the proceedings of its Regular Sessions including its Working Group on ‘Human Rights Situation of Muslim Minorities and Communities in Non-Member States’. The issue was discussed during the 15<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the Commission, held from 21-25 April 2019 in Jeddah.
- IPHRC regularly contributes to the proceedings of the OIC Ad-Hoc Ministerial Committee on Accountability for Human Rights Violations Against the Rohingya to ensure that the government of Myanmar fulfills its obligations under international law and to pursue accountability through legal action in the International Court of Justice.
- IPHRC, visited China in Jan 2019, held consultations with the Chinese government on all issues of common concern including the situation of Uyghur Muslims in Xinjiang.

#### **Goal 2.15.3**

- IPHRC delegation participated in the 40<sup>th</sup>, 41<sup>st</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> Sessions of UNHRC. During these sessions, IPHRC delegation actively participated in the proceedings of the Council and made statements on various issues of concern to the OIC.

#### **Goal 2.15.4**

- 42<sup>nd</sup> CFM asked IPHRC to review the CDHRI against existing universal human rights instruments and make suggestions for its improvement. IPHRC successfully completed the

task and produced the new draft that is presently being discussed by an Inter-Governmental Working Group (IGWG) for finalization.

- IPHRC, in consultation with the General Secretariat, ISESCO, Islamic Fiqh Academy and other relevant OIC organs, is presently reviewing the “Covenant on the Rights of the Child in Islam. The revised draft will be submitted to the 47<sup>th</sup> CFM for consideration.

#### **Goal 2.15.5**

- IPHRC has completed the 1<sup>st</sup> part of the proposed study on the Right to Development. The second part of the study is being worked and will be discussed during the 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the Commission in November 2019.
- IPHRC invited UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Development to participate in the thematic debate on the “The Role of Human Rights in promoting Good Governance” held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019.
- IIFA participated in the experts meeting to discuss the Strategic Plan for the Strengthening of the Family and the Marriage Institution, in Malaysia, June 12-13, 2019.
- IIFA participated in the meetings of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts to discuss Strategy for Strengthening of the Marriage Institution, October 1-2, 2019.

#### **Goal 2.15.6**

- IPHRC Secretariat participated in a training workshop organized by SESRIC on ‘Guidelines for preparing, drafting and submitting progress reports on implementing OPAAW’, on 17-18 September 2019 at Ankara.
- IPHRC participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Arab Regional Conference on the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights held at the League of Arab States in Egypt on 28 and 29 July 2019. The Conference was organized by the League’s General Secretariat in cooperation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.
- During its 15<sup>th</sup> session, the IPHRC adopted two thematic studies namely: (a) Gender Equality, Gender Equity and Gender Justice: An Islamic and Human Rights Perspective; and (b) Role of Human Rights Education in Advancing Human Rights in OIC Member States.
- IPHRC agenda include thematic studies on (a) Promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism; (b) Human Rights and cultural Diversity; (c) Study on the Right to Development from IPHRC Perspective, identifying challenges and suggesting way forward; and (d) Protecting the Rights of Children during Armed Conflicts from Islamic and Human Rights Perspectives. These studies are at various stages of finalization.



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

**Goal 2.16.1**

- In his capacity as Chairman of the OIC Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) the President of Senegal reiterated his resolve to continue working for the promotion Islamic cultural heritage and countering radicalism and Islamophobia. In this respect, he invited the OIC General Secretariat and the member states to support the funding of the OIC International Prize for Media in order to encourage the media professionals engaged in the promotion of the true values of Islam.
- During 2018, COMIAC participated at the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Consultative Council for the Cultural Development in the Islamic World held Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain on 24-25 September 2018.
- COMIAC took part in the 14<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN-OIC cooperation at the headquarters of ISESCO in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco from 3-5 July 2018.
- COMIAC participated in the information workshop on OIC and Al-Quds held on 25 April 2019 in Bamako.
- General Secretariat (Information Department) is increasingly using social media in dissemination of press releases, information and news on programs and activities of the OIC and its institutions throughout 2018-2019.
- General Secretariat (Information Department) enhanced usage of live webcast of OIC conferences, workshops and meetings on OIC website and social media throughout 2019.
- A media workshop on the “Role of Social Media in Supporting the Work of the OIC” was held at the General Secretariat on 15 November 2018. The workshop was aimed at increasing visibility of the OIC globally and generating awareness about the programmes and activities of the OIC in the member states and other countries.
- General Secretariat (Information Department) co-organized Media Delegations Visitor Program in Tunisia, Azerbaijan and Russia and to other OIC countries. Mutual agreements to organize specialized training programs for journalists specializing in the domains of media, economy, investment and culture in 2018-2019, were secured.
- Professional Skills for Official Statisticians Course on “Effective Written Communication in Social Media” was held by SESRIC in Albania on 18-19 March 2019.
- UNA participated in the 14<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Summit, held in Makkah, Saudi Arabia, on 31 May 2019. The Union contributed to coordinating the host of media professionals from member news agencies to cover the work of the summit.
- On 23-28 October 2018, UNA organized a visit of media delegation, to the Republic of Azerbaijan. The visit was aimed at facilitating the exchange of experiences, as well as highlighting the economic, cultural, scientific and tourist potential of the OIC countries.

### **Goal 2.16.2**

- General Secretariat (Information Department) took various steps during the year for the establishment of an OIC Web TV on OIC social media platforms (YouTube, twitter, Facebook, Instagram...), as a preliminary step for the establishment of an OIC Satellite Channel. The Information Department has made a special page containing videos for dissemination by the Web TV.
- General Secretariat (Information Department) completed preparation of the Guide for the coverage of terrorist events to train journalists in cooperation with ISESCO in July 2019. The Guide is ready for adoption by the 12th ICIM.
- SESRIC, with the partnership of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) and the Libyan Program for Reintegration and Development (LPRD) organized a Training Course on “Citizen Journalism in Libya” on 13-14 March 2019.
- UNA signed a memorandum of cooperation with the London-based International Organization for Development on 6 December 2018. It provides for cooperation in implementing joint training projects for the staffers of member news agencies and provision of media services on the developmental, Islamic and humanitarian issues.
- On 14 May 2018, UNA signed a cooperation agreement with the Chinese Multimedia Group, on the sidelines of the International Conference of News Agencies (ICNA), held in Islamabad, Pakistan, to strengthen cooperation in the exchange of news and information, as well as coverage of events in China and the OIC countries.

### **Goal 2.16.3**

- ICYF organized “ICYF Diplomatic Academy, which offered 13 weeks of seminars and conferences as well as training courses for local and international students studying in Istanbul. The second edition of ICYF Diplomacy Academy was held in October 2019.
- Production of 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 were broadcasted during OIC conferences and special events in 2018-2019.
- 11th Session of the Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) was held in Dakar, Senegal, on 14 - 15 May 2018, which examined and endorsed important media resolutions.
- 3rd meeting of the ad-hoc committee formed to consider the terms and procedures for establishing the OIC international prize for outstanding media outlets and journalists in the area of promotion of dialogue, tolerance and harmony among civilizations was held in Dakar, Senegal.
- Jointly with ISESCO, the OIC organized the First Islamic-European Media Forum on Exploring Ways of Cooperation to Eliminate Hate Speech in the Media on 29 – 30 June 2018 at the headquarters of the European Press Club in Brussels, Belgium.

- Training course on “Infographics for Social Media” was organized at UNA Media Training Centre for journalists and media practitioners from OIC institutions.
- Media plan for 2018-2019, was developed which includes training programs, workshops and conferences on various media issues vital for the OIC and ISESCO.
- UNA hosted a delegation from Umm Al-Qura University (UQU), Saudi Arabia, on 26 November 2018, where the two sides discussed aspects of joint cooperation in training and qualifying workers and employees of news agencies in various areas of media.
- UNA participated in the Extraordinary Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain, on 28-29 November 2018.
- UNA participated in the World Government Summit (WGS 2019) in Dubai, on 10-12 February 2019.

#### **Goal 2.16.4**

- OIC Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (IBRAF) participated in “Brainstorming Session on the Comprehensive Reform of the OIC’ on 23-25 October 2018 at Jeddah.
- IBRAF participated in the 46th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held on 1-2 March 2019 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
- IBRAF and its member authorities participated at the 4th Global Satellite Show and Broadcast Eurasia which was held on 1-3 November 2018 in Istanbul.
- General Secretariat (Information Department) finalized the Technical Profile of the OIC international media award for media personalities and outlets excelling in the promotion of intercultural dialogue, tolerance and harmony in August 2019. The Technical Profile draft is ready for adoption by the 12th ICIM.
- UNA participated in the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the OIC Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC), held in the Senegalese capital, Dakar, on 14-15 May 2018.
- UNA hosted a delegation from King Abdulaziz University (KAU), Saudi Arabia, on 15 November 2018, where the two sides discussed aspects of joint cooperation in the fields of training and qualifying workers and employees of news agencies in various areas of media.
- UNA Training Center organized, a workshop on the modern rules of data visualization in the media outlets and social media networking, in cooperation with the OIC Information Department.

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

#### **Goal 2.17.1**

- COMSTECH participated in the 11th Cyber Security Malaysia Awards, Conference and Exhibition 2019 organized by Cyber Security Malaysia at Kuala Lumpur, 23-26 September, 2019. The role of OIC-CERT in implementing the Cyber security activities

outlined in the Implementation Program of the STI Agenda 2026 and a longer term collaboration between COMSTECH and OIC-CERT to achieve these goals were decided.

- Linkage between OIC-CERT and the Pakistani universities' consortium on Cyber Security Research, the NCCS, was established. It was agreed that COMSTECH would make efforts to expand the membership of OIC-CERT and encourage other national cyber security centres to cooperate and collaborate with OIC-CERT.
- IsDB organized a "Data Literacy" workshop in cooperation with the International Committee for Red Crescent and Red Cross to build up the digital and data skills of IsDBG and member countries. IsDB also organized a Case Study Writing workshop in IsDB's Indonesia Regional Hub in cooperation with the Global Delivery Initiative (part of the World Bank).
- ISESCO co-organized an International Conference on Codes, Cryptology and Information Technology, Rabat, 22-24 April 2019.
- ISESCO organized a regional workshop on the role of ICT for disaster prediction, Islamabad, 2-5 May 2019.
- ISESCO organized a national training session on use of ICT in developing religious schools, Astana, 24-27 September 2019.
- Development of training programs for OIC-CERT members during 2019 include:
- CyberSecurity Malaysia arranges regular training for OIC-CERT and ASEAN countries. Starting 2017, a certificate "Certified Cyber Defender Associate" was introduced. The participants for 2018-2019 were as follows:  
2019: 18 participants from 12 countries  
2018: 14 participants from 10 countries
- Malaysia is currently developing the Global Accredited Cyber Security Education (Global ACE) Scheme. The objectives of the scheme are:
  - To provide an alternative international information security certification scheme mainly for the OIC-CERT member countries; and
  - To increase the number of cyber security professionals with enhanced skill sets in tandem with the international standards. A soft launch for the Malaysia Chapter was held on 6 August 2018.
- SESRIC organized "Workshop on Digital Skills Development in OIC Countries" on 25-26 June 2019.

### **Goal 2.17.2**

- In 2019, the project titled "Digital Skills Development in the OIC Countries" was implemented by SESRIC. The project's aim was to present the relationship between digitalization and vocational education, and suggesting the necessary policies for managing the digital transformation in the OIC member countries.

- COMSTECH Inter-Islamic network on ICT, the INIT, co-organized the INIT-UNESCO-ITU Workshop on Digital Accessibility at WSIS Forum, Geneva Switzerland, 8-12 April 2019.
- COMSTECH participated in Workshop on Digital Skills Development in OIC countries, in Istanbul, 25-26 June, 2019. It adopted a digital skills development program. To enhance the job opportunities of OIC youth in the era of information technology.
- ICYF in partnership with the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Turkey and Anadolu Agency News Academy, organized “International Media Training Camp”, on 23-29 September 2019. The program was aimed to increase the technical capabilities and professional capacities of youth in the media and communications fields.
- ISESCO organized a Regional Training Workshop on Cyber Security and Protection of Arab identity in the modern digital environment, ISESCO HQ September 2019
- ISESCO organized a workshop for the benefit of school curricula officials and curricula designers on the digitalization of school curricula and programs, Bagdad, September 2019.
- ISESCO awarded ISESCO Prize in the fields of ICT integration in education and production of Open and Free Education Digital resources, ISESCO HQ, October 2019.
- ISESCO implemented the project of using ICT to empower people with special needs, Khartoum, October 2019.
- ISESCO organized a training session for the benefit of higher education teachers on the preparation, development and localization of digital open source educational resources, November 2019.
- OIC-CERT conducts an annual conference to exchange ideas and sharing information through presentations and forum sessions. Cyber Threats to the Public: Social Networks and Mobile Apps was hosted by Iran during 2018. Oman hosted the annual conference on 27-30 October in Muscat with the theme, “Cybersecurity Revolution.
- Malaysia organized two (2) and Indonesia organized one (1) online training in 2019. Malaysia conducted one in March 2019 on Handling Insider Threats: and the second on 19 June 2019 on “Honeynet Data Analysis through Lebahnet”. Indonesia conducted on 3 September 2019 on “Social Engineering Attacks: Common Techniques and How to Prevent”.
- OIC-CERT journal of Cyber Security (OIC-CERT JCS) is a platform for the academia and practitioners in cyber security around the world to share experiences and knowledge through research and publications. The inaugural issue of this journal was published in December 2018.
- For 2019, Oman hosted the annual conference on 27-30 October 2019 in Muscat with the theme, “Cybersecurity Revolution”.
- Developed a system to measure the response awareness of the OIC-CERT members. Azerbaijan through the CERT.GOV.AZ conducts “Awareness test” amongst the OIC-CERT members. These tests act as a tool to collect statistical data for measuring the response time of the members.

- Indonesia conducted 2 technical events for the OIC-CERT members in October 2018.
- OIC-CERT Cyber Security Technical Workshop was held on 12 October 2018.
- CodeBali International Conference on 19-20 October 2018.
- For 2019, Oman hosted the Forum of Incident and Security Teams (FIRST) Technical Workshop on 30 and 31 October 2019.
- Malaysia organized two (2) and Indonesia organized one (1) online training in 2019:  
 Malaysia:
  - Conducted on 17 March 2019 on Handling insider Threats and
  - Conducted on 19 June on “Honeynet Data Analysis through Lebahnet.
 Indonesia:
  - Conducted on 3 September 2019 on “Social Engineering Attacks: Common Techniques and How to Prevent.
- SESRIC organized a Study Visit on “IT Security in National Statistical Office Setting” to Turkey on 22-25 July 2019 for Palestine to provide an opportunity for the participants to observe the relevant practices in Turkey.

### **Goal 2.17.3**

- IsDB is implementing and rolling out “EKTASP” which will be the IsDBG’s knowledge and learning platform to enable the creation, and dissemination of the IsDBG knowledge both internally and externally to member states.
- On 3rd October 2018, ICANN Board have passed a resolution to reject the application for the new gTLDs, Islam and Halal, due to the objections from the OIC General Secretariat and the OIC member states.

## **Priority Area 18: OIC Institutional Reforms**

### **Goals 2.18.1 to 2.18.6**

### **Goal 2.18.1**

- A major initiative on comprehensive reform of the OIC pursuant to OIC Resolution 11/45-ORG is in progress. The 2nd brainstorming session will be organized in the People’s Republic of Bangladesh during the year 2019. This initiative will cover all aspects of the work of the General Secretariat including strengthening of partnership with OIC organs and institutions.
- SESRIC report “50 Years of OIC Cooperation: Taking a Future Perspective by Learning from the Past” offers a short analysis of the evolution and main mechanisms of OIC cooperation. It takes a stock of the Organization’s achievements, and highlights issues that may enhance OIC’s effectiveness in the future.

### **Goals 2.18.2**

- A useful mechanism for coordination and consultations is provided by annual events of the General Assembly of OIC institutions as part of ICECS session and the Annual Coordination Meeting of OIC Institutions (ACMOI).
- General Secretariat (Department of Administration and Finance) has successfully integrated strategy documents for the Human Resources and Protocol Modules. Administration and Finance Modules are currently being finalized.
- General Secretariat is proceeding ahead with the goal of digital transformation. The Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) is well in place in the General Secretariat and is being extended to overseas offices.

### **Goal 2.18.3**

- The Intergovernmental Group of Experts (IGGE) has reviewed the Personnel Regulations during the course of two meetings held at the General Secretariat .It was agreed that these discussions will form part of the overall reform and restructuring process initiated in the context of Res.11/45-ORG.

### **Goal 2.18.4**

- General Secretariat (Administration and Finance Department) is in the process of implementing the Phase II of the ERP system. Staff members are currently receiving training in a phased manner.
- General Secretariat (Administration and Finance) has completed a study on extending incentives for timely and full payment of mandatory contribution by member states to the budget of the GS and its subsidiary organs. All member states are provided updated information every three months concerning status of their mandatory contributions.

### **Goal 2.18.5**

- The OIC charter has come into force following its ratification by forty member states. General Secretariats (Legal Affairs Department) is pursuing early signing/ratification of other agreements.

### **Goal 2.18.6**

- Transforming the General Secretariat and the OIC subsidiary organs into modern institutions fully competent to act in support of the OIC goals and objectives, remain on the top of its agenda. A consultancy firm was hired for the purpose which has completed its report. The matter will be addressed as part of the comprehensive reform process after it is finalized by the member states.

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