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GENERAL BACKGROUND:

The New OIC Ten Year Plan of Action (OIC-2025) and Role of ICDT in coordinating the implementation of OIC Plan of Action 2025 through TISC Meeting:

At the 13th Islamic Summit of April 2016 held in Istanbul in the Republic of Turkey, a New Ten-Year Plan of Action was adopted aiming at achieving a 25% intra-OIC trade share by 2025 (OIC -2025) covering the period 2016-2025.

In compliance with the resolutions of the 42nd Council of the OIC Ministers of Foreign Affairs, held in Kuwait-City on May27th-28th 2015, which “emphasized the need for coordination among the OIC institutions in order to enhance synergy, efficiency, shared responsibility and service delivery for the effective implementation of decisions and resolutions of the OIC Summit, Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) and other ministerial conferences”, the OIC General Secretariat held the inaugural Session s of the Annual Coordination Meeting of OIC Institutions (ACMOI) at the OIC Headquarters in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 7-8 December 7th -8th 2015.

In this regard, the OIC General Secretariat has initiated an Annual Coordination Meeting of OIC Institutions (ACMOI) every December starting from the end of 2015.

During the first meeting held in December 2015, two subcommittees were created: a subcommittee on Trade and Investment (TISC) under the chairmanship of the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) and another on the development of the Private Sector and Finance (FIDEPS) under the direction of the Islamic Development Bank Group then under SESRIC since 2019.

Five integrated projects have been initiated namely: 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.

Thus, the TISC subcommittee organized 4 meetings (March16th -17th 2016 in Marrakech, March 6th-7th 2017 in Casablanca, March 8th 9th 2018 in Marrakech and April 1st 2019 in Marrakesh dealing with trade and investment and two technical meeting in Jeddah at ITFC headquarters to coordinate the activities of the Member Institutions (May 27th 2016 and February 9th 2017).

Following the recommendations, the Fourth Annual Coordination Meeting of the OIC Institutions (ACMOI) and the third Meeting of Trade and Investment Sub-Committee of ACMOI (TISC) held respectively in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on December 3th 4th 2018 and in Casablanca on March 8th 2018, the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) organized the Fourth Meeting of the TISC in Marrakesh on April 1st 2019. This Meeting was chaired by the Director General of ICDT and the CEO of ITFC.

The objective of TISC is to design and implement integrated projects with a view to achieving the goals and targets of the OIC Plan of Action 2025 which calls for reaching the target of 25% of intra-OIC Trade by 2025.

The specific activities and deliverables of ICDT and TISC encompass the following business lines:

1. Trade Facilitation, including TPS/OIC, and Single Window Modality
2. Halal Industry Development including Tourism
3. Investment Promotion and Investment Dispute Settlement
4. Strategic Commodities Development
5. Private sector and SMEs Development

I- OIC TRADE OUTLOOK:

A. Intra-OIC trade outlook:

As the global economy is struggling to regain momentum in recent years, due to the raise of protectionism the failure of multilateralism and the BREXIT process (see the study conducted by ICDT in 2017 and submitted to the CFM), the OIC countries are not left behind because they have been impacted by the same trends of the economies of certain countries such as the US, EU, NAFTA and Asian countries with whom they are associated by bilateral and multilateral agreements.

The economies of the OIC zone also depend on fluctuating commodity prices and currency exchange rate during international commercial transactions but also on FDIs intra-zone flows (OIC and development partners).

The change in the growth rate of some OIC leading economies such as the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia; Turkey, Indonesia, Iran, Qatar, Nigeria, Iraq and Kuwait directly impact global and intra-Community trade of these Members Countries.

The efforts made by the Member States, OIC Institutions and development partners have contributed to the improvement of the volume of intra-OIC trade despite fluctuations in commodity prices and the parity of the US dollar against local currencies as well as the geopolitical and economic situation of the OIC countries.

The growth of the OIC Member States is expected to decline by 3.7% in 2017 and 2.4% in 2019 and progress to around 3.8% in 2020. The OIC GDP was \$19.5 trillion in 2017 against \$20.6 trillion in 2018 accounting for 15.2% of World GDP. In 2018, GDP growth of more than 5% was recorded in the following countries: Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire, Turkey, Tajikistan, Djibouti, Senegal, Bangladesh, Turkmenistan, Burkina Faso, Maldives, Malaysia, Guinea-Bissau, Benin, Pakistan, Mali, Uzbekistan, Niger and Indonesia.

The Member States, the OIC General Secretariat and the OIC Institutions will continue to support the implementation of the Ten-Year Plan of Action 2016-2025 in order to strengthen economic, social, political, technological and humanitarian relations between them and partners through multiplication of activities and projects for the benefit of national economies.

Despite these joint activities and projects, trade in OIC Member States accounted for 9.29% of world trade in 2016 compared to 9.22% in 2018, a decrease of 10.6% due to the international

economic environment.

According to the ICDT's 2019 Annual Report on "Trade among the OIC Member States" the Intra-OIC Trade volume recorded an important increase by 36.7% passing from USD 278.2 Billion in 2016 to USD 380 Billion in 2018. Besides, the share of intra-OIC Trade in the overall foreign trade of OIC Member states also noticed a significant raise of 12.4% passing from 18.7% in 2016 to 21.02% in 2018.

According to UNCTAD data for July 2019 and ICDT' calculations, world trade in commercial services of OIC countries in 2016 reached \$811 billion compared to \$895 billion in 2018, an increase of 10% and represents 24.8% of global trade of OIC countries and 9% of world trade in services in 2018. More than 82% consisted of transport and travel services as well as other services (18%).

The main players in trade in services were: United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Turkey, Indonesia, Qatar, Kuwait, Egypt, Nigeria and Lebanon. These 10 countries recorded 51% of total trade of OIC countries in 2018.

The volume of trade between OIC Member States (intra-OIC exports + intra-OIC imports) recorded a considerable increase and rising from \$556.32 billion in 2016 to \$751.5 billion in 2018, representing a rate growth of 35% thanks to the growth of intra-OIC trade of more than \$2 billion in the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran, Indonesia, Bahrain, Pakistan, Oman, Egypt, Malaysia, Afghanistan, Turkey, Kuwait. Algeria, Bangladesh, Nigeria, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Azerbaijan.

So, the TISC subcommittee organized 4 meetings (March 16th and 17th, 2016 in Marrakech, March 6th and 7th, 2017 in Casablanca, March 8th and 9th, 2018 in Marrakech and April 1, 2019 in Marrakech) bringing together the institutions of the OIC dealing with trade and investment and technical services. and a technical meeting in Jeddah at ITFC' headquarters to coordinate the activities of member institutions (May 27th, 2016 and February 9th 2017).

According to the figures of the gravity model developed by the ICDT from the Trade Map data of the ITC and the IMF DOTS, the observed potential of intra-OIC trade is around \$5.3 trillion in 2018 only 21% of which is exploited and which can reach 33.4% to 74% if tariff and non-tariff barriers between Member States are gradually lifted. About 94% of this trade potential is concentrated in the following countries: Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Malaysia, Bahrain, Indonesia, Iran and Pakistan.

The potential of intra-OIC trade is mainly made up of: mineral fuels, electrical machinery and equipment. clothing and accessories. mechanical machines and devices, pearls, motor cars, tractors and cycles; iron and steel and related items; plastic items; cereals; vegetable and animal fats and oils; pharmaceuticals, organic chemicals; photographic or cinematographic instruments and apparatus. It should be noted that more than 75% of intra-OIC trade is concentrated on non-fuel products in 2018.

The joint efforts of the programs of the OIC institutions and the partnership with other regional and international organizations contributed to increase the share of intra-OIC trade in the total trade of the Member States from 18.69% in 2016 to 21.02% in 2018. which represents an increase of 12.5% thanks to the growth rate of intra-OIC trade share of more than 50% from the following countries: Iraq, Togo, Afghanistan, Guyana, Bahrain, Benin,

Uganda, The Gambia, Maldives, Iran Mauritania, Saudi Arabia, Niger and Albania.

Indeed, around 28 countries have reached the target of intra-OIC trade share (25%) in 2018: Djibouti (75%), followed by Sudan (74.4), the Gambia (74.3%), Bahrain (61.8%), Somalia (61%), Tajikistan (60.5%), Afghanistan (59.4%), Niger (43.4%), Syria (43.3%), Senegal (43.1%), Oman (40.8%), Lebanon (40.6%), Benin (39.9%), Jordan (39 %), Mali (37.9%), Togo (37.5%), the United Arab Emirates (36.4%), Uzbekistan (35.9), Yemen (35.8%), Iraq (35%), Iran (32.7%), Egypt (32.3%), Pakistan (31%), Chad (28.5%) Kyrgyzstan (27.6%) Kuwait (26.2%) Côte d'Ivoire, (25.1 %) and Azerbaijan (25%).

B. Impact of COVID-19 on OIC Foreign trade and economies

Globally, economies are connected to each other through cross-border flows and bilateral, regional and international relations, COVID-19 will have an impact on their transactions in goods, services, technology transfer, and project financing, technical assistance, movement of professionals, financial capital, direct foreign investment, international banking and exchange rates.

International trade is surely one of the leading mechanisms through which the virus damages domestic economies and spreads internationally. COVID-19 contributed to the factory and company's closures particularly SMEs including SMIs, temporary travel and exports bans and restrictions, border closings, catering services and tourism-related services bans and will reduce exports of services to affected countries including OIC Member Countries.

According to World Bank analysis, many OIC Member Countries are from Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) are the least affected. Their estimated loss of GDP is estimated at around 3% and the rest of South Asia by 4.6% due to soaring prices for oil, mines, chemicals and food in this region. In countries like Indonesia and Malaysia, their GDP will drop by 3.50% and 4.23% respectively.

The coronavirus will have a negative impact on several levels: restrictions on the movement of people, disruptions in supply chains around the world, and negative effects on confidence, financial markets and the travel industry. A barrel went from 70 to 23 USD a barrel during the health crisis. The average petroleum spot prices per barrel are estimated at \$36.20 in 2020 and \$37.50 in 2021. This sharp drop in oil prices combined with lower global growth (and investor mistrust of the future) ultimately rippled through the financial markets.

Several countries and regional and international organizations have injected funds to relieve populations and structures to mitigate the effect of this health crisis by several billion dollars.

In this regard, OIC General Secretariat, OIC Member Countries governments, Institutions and International partners are joining their efforts to tackle this COVID-19 pandemic depending on the nature of the shock and country-specific circumstances by injecting funds at national, regional and international levels reaching globally many \$ trillion.

Several Member States have taken exceptional measures to counter the effects of this crisis by allocating exorbitant budgets to help the poor in terms of food and medical supplies to respond to this health insecurity.

Regional growth will also benefit from the reduction of uncertainties related to global trade policies and from a recovery even if it remains weak in world trade.

According to the WTO projection, world trade is expected to fall by between 18.5% in 2020 and can reach 13% by the end of 2020 following the COVID 19 pandemic impact on world economy. The average of OIC Member Countries trade could decrease from 17% to 33% in 2020 due to the economic behavior of each country and also the impact of soaring price of oil and other commodities combined with the drop of tourism, logistics, business services receipts. During the second quarter of 2020, world trade dropped by 27% and commodity prices by 20.4% according to UNCTAD Data on May 2020.

Indeed, all regions could reach double-digit declines in their exports and imports in 2020.

Consequently, if the pandemic is brought under control and trade starts to expand again, most regions could record double-digit rebounds in 2021 of around 21% in the optimistic scenario and 24% in the pessimistic projection.

In the region, comprising the Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan and Pakistan the forecast rate is of 0.1% in 2019 before recovering to 2.4% in 2020 and 2.7% in 2021 following the improvement of the business climate and investments in infrastructure and the rise in private consumption but also the increase in growth by 2021 would be around 3% in Djibouti, Egypt, Oman, Morocco, Qatar and the Emirates. The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) has made an initial assessment of the cost of COVID-19 in the Arab region. The initial estimate of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 is about a loss of \$42 billion on their GDP.

According the ESCWA Study, world exports of Arab Countries will decrease by \$ 88 Billion during the COVID-19 outbreak under the scenario of 3% GDP drop and a downward of \$ 28.1 Billion of world Arab Exports within the scenario of 1.5% GDP decrease.

Besides, within the scenario of 3% drop of GDP, the intra-Arab exports will decrease by \$ 14 Billion and within the second scenario of 1.5% of GDP decrease, the intra-Arab exports will fall by \$ 4.4 Billion in 2020. This decrease will impact some exports sectors such as: World Arab energy (-\$43Billion under the first scenario and -\$13.8 Billion under the second one) and Intra-Arab energy respectively (-\$12 Billion and -\$3.8 Billion), world Arab mining and chemical sectors exports will decrease by 71%, mechanical and electrical industry will drop by 13%, agricultural and agro-food products will fall by 8% in 2020.

On the other side, world Arab imports will fall by \$ 111 Billion under the scenario of 3% GDP drop and will decrease by \$35 Billion under the second scenario. Intra-Arab imports will fall by \$26 Billion under the first scenario and by \$8.1 Billion under the second one in 2020. Besides, intra-Arab imports will drop by \$ 17 Billion under the first scenario and \$5.3 Billion under the second one in 2020.

Indeed, global Arab imports of oil products will decrease by \$ 89 Billion under the scenario of 3% decline of GDP and by \$28 Billion in the case of 1.5% GDP drop. For the other sectors, world Arab imports of mechanical and electrical industry will decline by 51%, chemicals will decrease by 17% and agricultural and agro-food products will fall by 14% in 2020.

In fact, the prevailing oil prices will contribute to the Arab region loses nearly \$550 million on daily basis and the gains of oil importers within the region are negligible compared to the losses of oil exporters. Between January and mid-March 2020, businesses in the region lost \$420 billion in market capital. The consequent loss of wealth is equivalent to 8% of the total

regional wealth.

According to Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) estimates, COVID-19 pandemic will contribute to the immediate decline in GDP growth from 3.2% to 1.8% in 2020. Thus, 51% of Africa's exports go to countries highly impacted by COVID-19, while 53% of its imports originate from such highly impacted countries.

In addition, in sub-Saharan Africa growth should drop from 2.4% in 2019 then progress to 2.9% in 2020 and then 3.1% in 2021 especially, in Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, Benin, Uganda, The Gambia, Mauritania, Niger, Togo, Guinea-Bissau whose growth is expected to exceed 5% due to soaring prices of petroleum, mining and agricultural products but also to the improvement of the business climate and the intensification of local production of basic products.

In the countries of Europe and Central Asia (EAC), growth should drop from 2% in 2019 to 2.6% in 2020 then rise to 2.9% in 2021 due to the expected growth in Uzbekistan, in Tajikistan and in Turkmenistan because of the possible skyrocketing of the prices of the energy products which, abound this zone but also in the assumption of a stabilization of the prices of the principal basic products and in favour of advancing structural reforms. Furthermore, in South Asia, growth should climb to 5.5% in 2020 subject to a slight recovery in domestic demand and as economic activity benefits from an accommodative policy in India and Sri Lanka and improved business confidence and support for infrastructure investment in Afghanistan Bangladesh and Pakistan.

According the Asian Development Bank (ADB) report, the GDP of Asian Countries will drop by 2.2% in 2020 and could increase by 6.2% in 2021. Indeed, the GDP growth could increase in 2020 in Brunei by about 2%, Indonesia (5%) and Malaysia (4.2%) depending on the duration of uncertainty and severity of the pandemic in Asian Countries. The World Bank estimates that growth in developing East Asia and the Pacific (excluding China) will drop to 1.3% in 2020.

Key sectors have been affected, particularly travel and tourism, and retail and other services sectors; business operations hence supply chains disrupted; employment and livelihood put at risk; while consumer and investor confidence has declined.

Indeed, it is remarkable that Asian tourism flows declined due to the disruption in air travels, logistics and food servicing, weakening in consumer and business confidence resulting to the temporary measures such as lockdowns, community quarantines, stay-at-home orders, temporary business closures, and travel restrictions or exports prohibitions to fight the COVID-19.

Growth in America and the Caribbean is expected to reach 1.8% in 2020 driven by a strengthening of growth in the main economies and a recovery in domestic demand at regional level and the renewed confidence of investors in the banking, energy and infrastructure sectors in Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, Costa Rica, Guyana and Colombia. Given this situation, the OIC countries are not outdone. But due the COVID-19, Guyana's expected oil-related revenues (US\$ 230 million) could decline by 15%-40% in 2020-2021, which would be the main impact on Guyana from the oil soaring price. Indeed, Guyana's wholesale and retail and transportation sectors are exposed to these risks. In Suriname, the economic growth is expected to decline due to COVID-19 at least similar to the 2015 decline by 5.6% in

2020 and the soaring prices of commodities such as gold and oil will impact the Surinamese economy and can further weaken the fiscal and external positions.

Moreover, new investments in Suriname are expected to be postponed and ongoing infrastructure projects could suffer delays in implementation, affecting economic activity in the construction sector. Although the tourism value chain sector and fisheries will be also affected due to the huge unemployment in hotels, restaurants, transportation, tour operators, distribution of fish products during the pandemic.

Within COVID-19, some OIC Regions such as Asia, Africa, Middle East and Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), exports will register a drop from 8 to 36.2% in 2020 and will increase from 8.6 to 36.1% in 2021 according to WTO data analysis. Besides, imports of these areas will drop from 10 to 31.6% in 2020 and will progress from 13.6% to 25.1% in 2021 *ceteris paribus*.

Indeed, OIC Member Countries exports and imports could drop at least respectively by 22% and 21% in 2020 and 23% and 19% in 2021.

C. Intra-OIC Trade obstacles:

Despite the considerable efforts undertaken by the OIC Member States to promote and to boost intra-OIC trade and to eliminate bottlenecks, many obstacles remain including: Market access problems: tariff barriers, para-tariff and non-tariff, and often include: the complexity of establishment of rules of origin; difficulties for enterprises in complying with international standards and lack of mutual recognition of standards; the lack of approval for national and regional procedures; red tape for cross-border positions especially during customs clearance operations; the existence of illegitimate checks of cargo truck drivers; problem of granting visas to businessmen; the existence of licenses and export ban; quantity products control; lack of implementation of the commitments of regional economic cooperation texts and lack of information on the regulatory framework on trade facilitation; the mismatch of working days and working hours at border crossings; and lack of regulatory instruments for OIC intra-regional trade.

II- OIC TRADE PROMOTION

A. Trade Promotion Organs Network:

ICDT and ITFC have organized with the Kingdom of Morocco the Third Forum of Trade Promotion Organs (TPOs) of the OIC Member States, 11-12 October 2017, Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco. The Forum endorsed the following actions:

- To entrust the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade to continue the task of the Secretariat of the Global Network of the Trade Promotion Organs of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC);
- To entrust the task of the Secretariat of the OIC Arabic-speaking Network of the Trade Promotion Organs to Dubai Exports, the OIC French-speaking network of the Trade Promotion Organs to the Senegalese Agency for Export Promotion (ASEPEX) and to appoint Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) (tbc) as the Secretariat of the OIC English-speaking network of the Trade Promotion Organs;
- Requesting ITFC to study the possibility of organizing, in collaboration with ICDT and Dubai Exports, the 4th OIC TPOs Forum on the sidelines of the “Trade Development Forum”, which will be organized by ITFC in Dubai in 2021;
- Mobilizing resources for the implementation of Projects adopted by the Network with OIC and regional and international partners such as OIC-TISC Members and UN Agencies.
- To strengthen economic and trade cooperation among the OIC countries, the OIC Institutions and the public and private sectors shall contribute to the implementation of the OIC-2025 Ten-Year Plan of Action in particular through the five integrated projects adopted by the TISC, especially the trade facilitation, capacity building, in the field of professional training and international trade businesses, empowerment of women and youth, participation in fairs, international exhibitions, trade missions, buyers-sellers meetings of strategic products and services and Business Forums, but also by easing foreign trade procedures and those of intra-OIC investment in order to boost trade between Member States by raising awareness on the establishment of Single Windows for foreign trade and the modernization of customs administrations.
- In addition, the diversification of the exportable supply is a necessity for developing foreign trade and intra-OIC investment.
- It is also important that OIC Member States invest progressively to set up the Free Trade Area and adhere to the guiding principles of investment facilitation and the integration of intra and interregional value chains of OIC countries in the field of Halal industry, ICT, logistics and transport, food industry, textile, pharmaceutical, leather, automotive and renewable energies of which the Member States are full of considerable potential.

B. Trade Fairs and Exhibitions:

1. **Exhibition on Green Economy of the OIC Member States**, Dakar, Republic of Senegal, October 26th – 29th 2017:

ICDT, the Ministry of Energy and Development of Renewable Energies and the Ministry of

Environment and Sustainable Development of the Republic of Senegal, organized in collaboration with the Moroccan National Agency for Renewable Energies (ANER) the 1st Exhibition on Green Economy of the OIC Member States, from October 26th to 29th 2017 at the International Centre of Foreign Trade of Senegal (CICES), concomitantly with the International Exhibition for Renewable Energies and Environment in Africa (SIERA). This exhibition gathered the actors of the green economy in the OIC countries (Public Administrations, decision-makers and private companies in the sub-sectors of: Renewable Energies; optimization of the use of fossil fuels by controlling greenhouse gas emissions, water sanitation, waste management and land use planning through the preservation of ecosystems and the integrity of biodiversity, and biological agriculture). This first edition of the OIC Exhibition of Green Economy recorded the participation of the following OIC Member States: Benin; United Arab Emirates, Cameroon; Cote d'Ivoire; Mali, Mauritania, Morocco (Guest of Honor) and Senegal as well other non-OIC Member Countries (France, Canada, Italy, Germany and Cap vert) over an area of 1200sqm. On the side lines of this Expo several thematic meetings were held relating to: Energy policies and sustainable energies; Energy Storage / Waste Management; Sustainable Management of Natural Resources.

2. 5th Exhibition of Halal Products of the OIC Member States, Istanbul – Republic of Turkey, 23-25 November 2017:

In pursuance of the resolutions of the 32nd Ministerial Session of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (COMCEC), held from 21st to 24th November 2016 in Istanbul – Republic of Turkey, and following the success of previous editions held in Sharjah – State of the United Arab Emirates, the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) and the Standards and Metrology Institute for the Islamic Countries (SMIIC), organized in collaboration with «Discover Events», the 5th Exhibition of the Halal Products of the OIC Member States, from 23 to 25 November 2017, at the «Istanbul Lutfi Kirdar International Congress and Convention Centre», Republic of Turkey.

The Exhibitions was opened to the public and professionals and recorded the participation of 12 OIC Member States as well as other non-OIC Member Countries (Austria, Ghana, USA, Australia, Italy, Japan, Germany,) over an area of 2000sqm. Institutions operating in the field of Halal product standards also took part in this Exhibition. On the sidelines of this exhibition, several thematic conferences were held, in particular on the health benefits of the HALAL Butchery and the various certification and accreditation systems with a view to accelerating the mutual recognition of Halal certificates between the OIC Member States.

3. The Exceptional Edition of the Trade Fair of the OIC Member States, Kuwait City, State of Kuwait, 6-10 February 2018:

In pursuance of the resolution adopted by the 32nd Ministerial Session of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC Member States (COMCEC), held from 21 to 24 November 2016 in Istanbul – Republic of Turkey, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry of the State of Kuwait and the Islamic Center for Development of Trade (ICDT) organized in collaboration with “Kuwait International Fair Company” an exceptional edition of the Trade Fair of the OIC Member States, from 6 to 10 February 2018 at the “International Fairs Ground of Kuwait (KIF)”, concomitantly with the International

Kuwait Trade Fair 2018.

This Fair recorded the participation of 24 OIC Member States and the participation of the Representatives of the following Muslim communities were also present: Philippines, Kenya, Botswana, South Africa, Great Britain, China and Switzerland.

The Fair was held over an area of 7,000 square meters and registered the participation of about 300 companies and 3,000 Businessmen from the OIC Member States seeking for business opportunities and partnership. On the sidelines of the Fair the following events were organized:

- "Kuwait Maker-Faire 2018", a local version of the Exhibition held annually in the United States, which aims to present innovations in the fields of Handicraft and Technology, which promotes the idea of production and offers visitors the opportunity to exhibit their products and projects.

4. 2nd Exhibition of Furniture and Interior Design of the OIC Member States, Jeddah-Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, March 13th -16th 2018:

Within the framework of the implementation of the OIC Ten-Year Program of Action (2016-2025) which aims to bring the intra-OIC trade share to 25% of the global trade of the OIC Member States by 2025, ICDT organized, in collaboration with the Saudi Society "Al Harithy Company for Exhibitions Ltd", the "2nd edition of the Exhibition of Furniture and Interior Design of the OIC Member States", concomitantly with the 27th edition of the Saudi Building & Interiors Exhibition from March 13th to 16th 2018, at the Jeddah Centre For Forums & Events - Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This Professional Exhibition was an opportunity for participating countries to promote their products and services and to learn about the latest developments and technological innovation in the furniture and interior design industry.

This event was also an opportunity for Exhibitors, Architects, Entrepreneurs and Government Officials from Member States to learn about the expertise and experiences of participating States in the areas covered by the Exhibition and to select the best products and services to be integrated in their future projects or those under implementation. The Exhibition was spread over an area of 3000 m² with the participation of 250 Exhibitors from several countries from OIC Member States and more than 5000 visitors took part in this Exhibition.

5. 11th Exhibition of Agribusiness Industries of the OIC Member States, Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, March 20th - 23rd 2018:

Within the framework of the implementation of the Cooperation Agreement signed in May 2008 between the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) and the Saudi Al Harity Company for Exhibitions Limited (ACE), both parties organized under the auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia the 11th Exhibition of Agribusiness Industries in the OIC Member States concomitantly with the 23rd Exhibition of Food/Hotel/PROPAC Arabia from March 20th to 23rd March 2018 at Jeddah Centre for Forums and Events, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The net exhibition space was spread over approximately 3500 square meters and recorded the participation of 300 companies representing the following Member States: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Arab Republic of Egypt, Malaysia, Republic of Lebanon, Republic of Turkey, State of

the United Arab Emirates, Kingdom of Morocco, Republic of Tunisia, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, State of Palestine and Republic of Iraq.

Representatives of the Muslim Minorities in non OIC Member States also participated in this Exhibition, namely: Ethiopia, South Africa, China, the United States, India, Italy and Thailand.

6. 4th Specialized Exhibition on “Higher Education Services in the OIC Member States”, Casablanca- Kingdom of Morocco, April 26th – 29th 2018:

Within the framework of the implementation of the resolution adopted by the 33rd Ministerial Session of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC Member States (COMCEC), held from November 20th to 23th 2017 in Istanbul – Republic of Turkey, the Islamic Center for Development of Trade (ICDT) and the Group of “L’Etudiant Marocain” organized the 4th edition of the Specialized Exhibition on “Higher Education Services in the OIC Member States”, from April 26th to 29th 2018 at the OFEC Exhibition Center in Casablanca, in concomitance with the 27th edition of the International Forum of the Student (FIE).

The objective of this Specialized Exhibition was to promote the higher education services of the OIC Member States, create direct contacts between the various stakeholders (students, universities, investors, ministries) in the area of training and higher education, as well as to promote investment in this sector and to develop partnerships among the universities of the OIC Member States.

Several institutions of the OIC countries from various fields of training (universities, business schools, institutes, specialized schools) took this opportunity to present their training offers and the admission requirements. This event has also served as a platform for exchanges between students and professionals through multiple thematic conferences and panels.

This Exhibition was held over an area of 20,000 square meters and recorded the participation of 750 exhibitors representing Islamic universities sponsored by the OIC and universities of the following Member States: Islamic University of Technology (IUT) – Bangladesh; International Islamic University of Malaysia; Islamic University of Uganda; Republic of Turkey, State of the United Arab Emirates, State of Kuwait, Republic of Senegal and the Kingdom of Morocco.

Also took part to the exhibition the following non-OIC Member Countries: France, Portugal, China, Russia, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Germany and Switzerland.

On the sidelines of the expo, several series of conferences were organized over many sessions and were dedicated to the exchange of experiences between institutions, in the fields of education, training and employment. These conferences were also an occasion for participating universities to present their offers, modules and training course.

7. 6th Exhibition of Halal Products of the OIC Member States, Istanbul – Republic of Turkey, November 29th –December 2nd 2018:

In compliance with the resolution adopted by the 33rd Ministerial Session of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC Member States (COMCEC), held on November 20th-23th 2017 in Istanbul – Republic of Turkey, the Islamic

Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) and the Standards and Metrology Institute for the Islamic Countries (SMIIC) organized under the Patronage of the Presidency of the Republic of Turkey and in collaboration with the Turkish company "Discover Events", the 6th OIC Halal Exhibition from November 29th to December 2nd 2018 at Eurasia Performing Arts Center in Istanbul – Republic of Turkey, concomitantly with the World Halal Summit 2018.

This Exhibition, was dedicated to halal trade, halal standards, production and logistics and was an excellent opportunity for the actors of the halal industry to promote their products and services and to develop trade and investment.

This event lasted three days and was open to the general public and professionals and recorded the participation of 50 countries (300 exhibitors and visitors) and near to 38,000 visitors.

This Exhibition, which aims to welcome the players of the Halal industry in quest of business and partnership opportunities in the OIC Member States, represents an opportunity for companies and actors in the Halal industry to promote their products and services and increase investment in this sector.

The Exhibitions lasted for 3 days and was opened to the public and professionals and recorded the participation of 15 OIC Member States as well as 24 other non-OIC Member Countries which exhibited in an area of 2,500sqm.

Other B2B meetings were organized between participants in order to allow them to make some orders in Halal Industry Development in OIC and Non OIC Member Countries.

The 7th Edition of the Halal Expo will be organized in Istanbul on November 29th- December 2th 2019.

8. 4th OIC Health Expo, Abidjan – Republic of Cote d’Ivoire, 7-9 December 2018:

In pursuance of the Resolution No. 44 adopted by the 33rd Ministerial Session of The Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (COMCEC), held from November 20th to 23th 2017 in Istanbul-Republic of Turkey, the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene of the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire and the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) organized, under the High Patronage of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire, and in collaboration with the Ivorian company "Building Events", the 4th edition of the Health Expo of the OIC Member States, from December 7th to 9th 2018 at Sofitel Hotel Ivoire in Abidjan, concomitantly with the 4th edition of the International Exhibition of Health and Medical Equipment of Côte d’Ivoire (MEXCI 2018).

This Exhibition gathered all the actors of the health sector (pharmaceutical industries, services providers, Central purchasing medicines, nutrition and dietetics professionals, surgery, wellness cares, training centers in the fields of health etc..) in the OIC Countries. Therefore, it was an opportunity for the enterprises and the actors of the health industry to promote their products and services and to establish business relations and partnerships between economic operators in the Health and medical equipment sectors of the OIC Member States.

9. Participation of ICDT in the 1st Edition of the OIC Festival, Cairo-Arab Republic of Egypt, February 5th -9th 2019:

ICDT participated in the 1st Edition of the OIC Festival which took place from February 5th to 9th 2019 in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, held under the theme "One nation, diverse cultures Palestine in our heart".

Several member countries of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) participated in this important event including Niger, Senegal, Mali, Saudi Arabia, Djibouti, Guinea, Yemen, Azerbaijan, Palestine, Egypt, Burkina Faso, Cameroon. Several subsidiaries, affiliated and specialized OIC Institutions also took part in this event.

The aim of this Festival was to strengthen the bonds of unity, cooperation and solidarity among peoples through traditional folk songs, folk dances and the exhibition of handicrafts and the traditional heritage of some countries including Benin, Pakistan, Palestine, Burkina Faso, Mauritania, Yemen and Egypt.

On the sidelines of these cultural activities, lectures, seminars and symposia were organized to deepen reflection on themes, such as those dealing with the causes of contemporary literature in the Islamic world, the challenges of sustainable development in the Islamic world, the fight against Islamophobia, the protection of the Arabic language, etc.

During this important event, ICDT participated with a booth where it presented its services and activities to the general public.

10. 16th edition of the Trade Fair of the OIC Member States, Baghdad - Republic of Iraq, April 7th - 13th 2019:

In accordance with the resolutions adopted by the 45th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC Countries held in May 2018 in Dhaka, Republic of Bangladesh, the Ministry of Commerce of the Republic of Iraq and the Islamic Centre for the Development of the Trade (ICDT) organized under the High Patronage of the Iraqi Head of Government, and in collaboration with the Iraqi General Company of Fairs and Commercial Services, the 16th Edition of the Trade Fair of the OIC Member States, from April 7th to 13th 2019 at the International Exhibition Centre of Baghdad - Republic of Iraq.

The fair was attended by exhibitors from the following countries: Kingdom of Bahrain, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, the Arab Republic of Egypt, Republic of Iraq, Republic of Lebanon, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Sultanate of Oman, Republic of Senegal, Republic of Tunisia and Republic of Turkey.

Activities on the sidelines:

On the sidelines of the Fair, the following events were organized:

ICDT led a seminar on Iraq's trade with OIC Member States during which the OIC Permanent Representative in Baghdad and the Director General of ICDT made presentations on intra-OIC trade and on trade prospects between Iraq and the rest of the OIC Countries.

11. Exhibition and Forum on Transport and Logistics in the OIC Member States, Casablanca - Kingdom of Morocco, April 9th -11th 2019:

As part of the cooperation between ICDT and the Kingdom of Morocco; the Centre and the National Single Window of the Foreign Trade Procedures of the Kingdom of Morocco (PORTNET) and the Moroccan company COMESIUM, organizer of the LOGISMED Fair organized the Exhibition and Forum on Transport and Logistics in the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OCI), from April 9th to 11th 2019, in conjunction with the 8th Edition of the International Exhibition of Transport and Logistics (LOGISMED 2019).

This event was an opportunity to highlight on the one hand the opportunities and challenges of the transport and logistics industry in the OIC countries in the light of the global digital revolution, and on the other hand the opportunities offered by Morocco as a logistics hub to access African markets.

The ICDT, Logismed, Portnet SA, and the Logistics Development Agency (AMDL) organized, on March 21st, 2019 at the Farah Hotel Casablanca, a Press Conference followed by a lunch-debate with the aim of promoting the Exhibition and Forum on Transport and Logistics in the OIC Member States, the 8th Edition of the Logismed Trade Show, the 5th Annual Portnet Single Window Conference and the 4th Edition of the Moroccan Logistics Awards.

The purpose of these different events was to highlight on the one hand the opportunities and challenges of the transport and logistics industry in the OIC countries in the light of the global digital revolution, and on the other hand the opportunities offered by Morocco as a logistics hub to access African markets.

12. 11th International Economic Summit, Russia, Islamic World, Kazan Expo, April 24th-26th 2019:

ICDT participated in the Eleventh International Economic Summit "Russia - Islamic World: KAZANSUMMIT 2019", held from April 24th to 26th 2019 in the capital of Tatarstan, on the International Exhibition Centre "Kazan Expo" site.

The event took place within the framework of the Russian-Islamic Global Strategic Vision, led by the President of the Republic of Tatarstan, Rustam Minnikhanov.

More than 3,000 visitors attended the summit - representing more than 50 countries worldwide, 30 Russian regions and 25 diplomatic missions.

- Activities carried out in the margins of the Summit:

For the third time, the International Halal Industry Exhibition "Russia Halal Expo" was held, where 54 exhibitors were represented.

It should be noted that the Islamic Centre for the Development of Trade (ICDT) participated through an exhibition stand whose space was provided free of charge by the organizers. The representative of ICDT took the opportunity to promote the activities and services of the Centre as well as upcoming trade fairs and exhibitions.

The main objective of RUSSIA HALAL EXPO 2019 was to popularize the halal industry in the Russian Federation, to establish commercial, economic, social and cultural links, to demonstrate the potential of the halal segment of the Russian economy and to present

products to potential buyers and business partners. It should be noted that the popularity of the international RUSSIAN HALAL EXPO exhibition is constantly increasing.

13. 2nd OIC FESTIVAL, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, April 24th-27th 2019:

The 2nd Edition of the OIC Festival was held from April 24th to 27th 2019 at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC), Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, under the theme "A Nation United through Benevolent Cooperation, Justice and Tolerance" under the patronage of His Excellency Sheikh Nahyan Bin Mubarak Al-Nahyan, Minister of Tolerance of the United Arab Emirates.

The Festival aimed to highlight the message and teachings of Islam by bringing together different cultures of the world regardless of religion, race and gender. The four-day festival provided an opportunity to raise awareness of Islamic culture and the role of the OIC worldwide in promoting cultural diversity and enhancing the value of the Islamic artistic, musical and culinary heritage.

Numerous OIC Member States and institutions have responded to the call, the program highlighted the cultures, traditions and values of the Islamic faith. It addressed a range of issues, including tolerance as the foundation of Islam, the role of youth in spreading the culture of tolerance, and the importance of tolerance and moderation in worship.

Throughout the festival, opinion leaders presented a number of lectures and conducted workshops that highlighted different aspects of Muslim culture and recounted a modern image of Islam that goes beyond the false doctrines and beliefs and shapes a more complete understanding of Islam as a way of life. Other highlights of this event included working sessions on the basics of calligraphy, the presentation of Prophet Moham'ad's biography, stories by renowned children's writers and more.

During this Festival, Palestine was brought to the spotlight in a central way to remind how the Palestinian cause is of great importance for the OIC and its Member Countries.

14. Coordination Meeting with Kuwait International Fair, Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco, June 17th -18th 2019:

As part of the cooperation between ICDT and the State of Kuwait in areas of common interest, a delegation from the Kuwait International Fair (KIF) held a coordination meeting at ICDT headquarters in on 17 and 18 June 2019.

This coordination meeting was devoted to the organization and promotion of the Outstanding Edition of the Tourism, Crafts and Decoration Fair of the OIC Member States which the Centre and KIF plan to organize jointly from December 18th to 23th 2019 in Kuwait City;

A training workshop on e-commerce will be organized in conjunction with this Fair for the benefit of Kuwaiti businesswomen and neighboring countries.

The two sides also agreed to jointly organize the 14th Edition of the Agribusiness Fair in 2021.

At the end of the meeting, the representative of the Centre affirmed that the launching of the network of Fairs and Conferences of the OIC Member States after its presentation to the

Board of Directors of ICDT and the OIC General Secretariat, and afterwards make the official declaration and launching of the network, the secretariat of which will be provided by ICDT.

15. Plastics Industry Fair, Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco, June 25th -28th 2019:

An ICDC delegation chaired by its Director General took part in the Plast Expo 2019 organized by the Moroccan Federation of Plastics (FMP), from June 25th to 28th 2019 at the Office of Fairs and Expositions of Casablanca (OFEC).

On this occasion and at the initiative of the ICDT, the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA) and the FMP signed a Memorandum of Understanding to promote the Plastics Industry Sector in the Countries of the OIC.

ICDT seized this opportunity to promote its activities through a stand as well as during the Assizes on the Plastics Industry, the Centre has delivered two presentations on the Plastics Industry Sector and the Trainings dedicated to it in the OIC Countries.

16. 9th Muslim World Biz, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, September 4th 6th 2019:

The Islamic Centre for Development of Trade participated in the 9th Muslim World Biz which was organised by the OIC International Business Centre Malaysia in collaboration with ICDT in Kuala Lumpur on September 4th 6th 2019 under the theme “Spearheading Sustainable Economic Growth”.

More than 300 entrepreneurs, 30 countries, 800 delegates, 50 speakers attend this biggest event of the Muslim World coupled with than more 300 participants with 300 booths of each panel discussion and 10.000 visitors.

The following OIC and non OIC Countries attended Forums and Expo of this event namely: Indonesia, Iran, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Brunei, Senegal, Qatar, UAE, Turkey, Pakistan, and Malaysia and Singapore, Mauritius, Ghana, China, Korea, Vietnam, Thailand and Japan.

The following activities and forums were also organised:

- ✓ OIC Arab-Asia Trade & Economic Forum (September 4th)
- ✓ Round Table Talk – The Jewels of Muslim World (September 4th & 5th)
- ✓ International Trade Exhibition (September 4th – 6th)
- ✓ International Trade Business Matching (September 4th – 6th)
- ✓ The Muslim World Women’s Summit (September 5th & 6th)
- ✓ Jewels of The Muslim World Award 2019 (September 5th)
- ✓ The Muslim World Rania Award 2019 (September 6th)

17. 7th Exhibition of the Halal Products of the OIC Member States, Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, November 28th -December 1st 2019:

In compliance with the resolution adopted by the 34th Ministerial Session of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC Member States (COMCEC), held from November 26th to 29th 2018 in Istanbul – Republic of Turkey, the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) and the Standards and Metrology Institute for the Islamic Countries (SMIIC) organized under the Patronage of the Presidency of the

Republic of Turkey and in collaboration with the Turkish company "Discover Events", the "7th OIC Halal Exhibition" from 29th November to December 2nd 2019 in Istanbul - Republic of Turkey, concomitantly with the World Halal Summit 2019.

This Exhibition which was dedicated to halal trade, halal standards and halal production and logistics, was an excellent opportunity for the actors of the halal industry to promote their products and services and to develop trade and investment in this important sector.

The Exhibition, which lasted for 5 days, was organised over an area of 7000sqm and was opened to the public and professionals and recorded the participation of the following OIC Member States: Bangladesh, Nigeria, Senegal, Cameroon, Indonesia, Tunisia, Thailand, Algeria, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Chad, Burkina Faso, Libya, Mali, Lebanon, Oman, Afghanistan, Djibouti and Somalia, as well as other non-OIC Member Countries : Bella Russia, Ghana, Tatarstan, India, Germany, Spain, France, Portugal, South Korea, USA, Canada, Belgium, Italy, Kenya and Ethiopia. This Exhibition registered also the participation of about 80,000 visitors and 350 exhibitors.

Institutions operating in the field of Halal product standards also took part in this Exhibition.

SMIIC and Discover Events organized on the side-lines of this Exhibition, thematic conferences and workshops on Standardization and related issues for Halal quality Infrastructure, Certification and accreditation in Halal Industry, Islamic Banking and Finance Conference Halal and Health as well as B2B meetings.

18. Exceptional Edition of the Tourism and Handicrafts Fair of the OIC Member States, Kuwait City-State of Kuwait, December 18th -23th 2019

In pursuance of the relevant resolution adopted by the 34th Ministerial Session of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC Member States (COMCEC), held from November 26th to 29th 2018 in Istanbul - Republic of Turkey and by the 35th Ordinary Session of the ICDT Board of Directors held in March 2018 in Marrakech, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry of the State of Kuwait and the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) organized in collaboration with "Kuwait International Fair Company" an "Exceptional Edition of Tourism, Handicrafts and Interior Decoration Exhibition of the OIC Member States", from December 18th to 23th 2019 at the "Kuwait International Fairground (KIF)". In concomitance with the following exhibitions: Crafts and small projects, Building Exhibition "Belek" and Health and beauty.

The objective of this Fair was to strengthen cooperation among OIC Member States in the tourism and Handicraft sectors, to promote historical monuments and tourist sites of Member States, and encourage investment in this sector. It was also a platform for stakeholders in the Handicraft sector in OIC Member States, seeking business opportunities to establish partnership between them.

These events, which lasted 5 days, were open to the public and professionals, and were organised over an area of 13000sqm. It recorded the participation of the following Member States: Kingdom of Bahrain; Republic of Turkey; Republic of Tunisia; Sultanate of Oman; Republic of Lebanon; Arab Republic of Egypt; State of Qatar; Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Other non OIC Member States (France, Great Britain and Sri Lanka) have also participated in

this Exhibition.

19. Preparations for the organization of the 5th Health Expo of the OIC Member States'

In accordance with resolution ii / 47 / par 4 adopted by the 35 Ministerial Session of the COMCEC held from November 25th to 28th 2019 in Istanbul - Republic of Turkey, the International Center for Foreign Trade of Senegal (CICES) and the Islamic Center for Development of Trade (ICDT) are organizing under the aegis of the Ministry of Health and Social Action and the Ministry of Commerce and SMEs of the Republic of Senegal, the 5th edition of the Health Fair of the OIC Member States, from June 17th to 20th 2020 at the CICES Exhibition Center, in conjunction with the 10th edition of the Dakar International trade exhibition on medical and healthcare (SISDAK).

To surround the organization of this fair with all the conditions for success, the ICDT and the International Center for Foreign Trade of Senegal (CICES), held a coordination meeting for the organization of the said Fair on July 31st and August 1st 2019 at the ICDT Headquarters in Casablanca - Kingdom of Morocco, and was devoted to the modalities of organization, participation and promotion of the Fair among the OIC Member States.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic which is spreading around the world, the organizers have decided to postpone the Expo to a later date.

20. Preparations for the organization of the 8th Exhibition of Halal Products of the OIC Member States,

In pursuance to the resolution adopted by the 35th Ministerial Session of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (COMCEC), held in November 2019 in Istanbul - Republic of Turkey, the Islamic Center for Development of Trade (ICDT) and the Standards and Metrology Institute for the Islamic Countries (SMIIC) organize under the Patronage of the Presidency of the Republic of Turkey and in collaboration with the Turkish Company "Discover Events", the 8th Exhibition Halal Products of the OIC Member States, from November 26th to 29th 2020 in Istanbul - Republic of Turkey, in conjunction with the "World Halal Summit 2020".

In this context, the organizers held a coordination meeting on January 22nd 2020 at the ICDT headquarters in Casablanca, which was crowned with the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding relating to the organization of the said Fair.

21. Preparations for the organization of the 17th edition of the Trade Fair of the OIC Member States,

In accordance with the resolution adopted by the 35th Ministerial Session of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (COMCEC) held in November 2019 in Istanbul - Republic of Turkey, which welcomed the offer of the Republic of Senegal to host the 17th Trade Fair of the OIC Member States in 2020, the Ministry of Trade and SMEs of the Republic of Senegal and the Islamic Center for Development of Trade (ICDT) are organizing in collaboration with the International Center for Foreign Trade of Senegal (CICES), the 17th edition of the Trade Fair of the OIC Member States, from December 14th to 18th 2020 at the CICES Exhibition Center, in conjunction with the Dakar International Fair (FIDAK).

In this regard, the ICDT, CICES and the Ministry of Trade and SMEs of the Republic of Senegal held the 1st coordination meeting for the said Fair on January 21st 2020 at the ICDT Headquarters in Casablanca. This meeting was devoted to the modalities of organization, participation and promotion of the Fair among Member States. The meeting was crowned with the Signature of the MoU relating to the organization of this Fair.

In conjunction with this fair, the following activities will be organized:

- Meeting of the Global Network of Trade Promotion Organs (TPOs) of OIC Member States;
- Forum of Investment Promotion Agencies (IPA) of OIC Member States;
- Meeting of the private sector of OIC Member States, to be organized by the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA);
- Meetings (B2B) between Businessmen from OIC countries.
- Forum on Halal Products in collaboration with Halal Senegal under the theme: "Facilitation of trade in Halal products: what instruments to develop trade".

The Senegalese partners of the ICDT in the organization of this fair have expressed their wish to postpone the said Fair either to May or December 2021, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. An official letter should reach the Center for this purpose.

22. Preparations of the participation of the OIC to Expo2020 Dubai:

ICDT was appointed by the OIC General Secretariat as OIC focal point in charge of coordinating the OIC participation in the EXPO 2020 scheduled initially to be held in Dubai from October 20th 2020 to April 10th 2021 (**postponed to October 1st 2021 till March 31st 2022**). In this regard, ICDT organized several coordination meetings among OIC institutions and Interactive workshops with Dubai Expo Bureau in Casablanca, Jeddah, Marrakesh Istanbul and Dubai starting from September 2018 till November 2019 in order to examine the OIC participation to EXPO 2020 and to organize side-events of OIC Institutions during the event period (Namely: Fairs, exhibitions, seminars, trainings). A digital platform and regular conference calls are convened on regular basis between Expo and ICDT staff for the content and design of the OIC Pavilion as well as the programming of OIC Institutions side events including the OIC Day celebration scheduled on November 2nd 2021.

23. Workshop for the Preparation of the OIC Participation to Expo2020 Dubai, Casablanca, October 15th 17th 2018

The Islamic Centre for Development of Trade 'Director General has been appointed by the OIC General Secretariat (Verbal note n° OIC /ECO-04/B-03/003446 dated on 18 July 2018) as OIC focal point in charge of coordinating the OIC participation in the EXPO 2020 scheduled to be held in Dubai from October 20th 2020 to April 10th 2021 (postponed to October 1st 2021 till March 31st 2022).

In this context, the ICDT DG accompanied Mr. Tarig AL BAKHEET to Dubai to take part to the signing ceremony of the contract of OIC participation to EXPO Dubai 2020 on 12th September 2018. A coordination meeting was organized before the ceremony of signature where the Expo Team explained the project and requested the OIC to submit the theme

statement as soon as possible along with the letter of appointment of the Commissioner General of OIC section.

In this context, ICDT's Director General sent an invitation letter to all OIC institutions and standing Committees to attend the Interactive workshop with Dubai Expo Bureau and an OIC coordination meeting that will take place on October 15th - 17th in order to examine the OIC participation to EXPO 2020.

➤ *OIC coordination meeting:*

A coordination meeting was held on October 15th 2018 at ICDT's Headquarters and was dedicated to the preparation of the participation of the OIC in Dubai Expo 2020.

After the presentation of ICDT's Director General of the Expo Dubai 2020 and the questions and answers session, the participants recommended the followings:

- To establish an ad hoc task force to prepare and implement this project
- To communicate to ICDT the focal points of each OIC institutions within one week. These focal points will constitute the OIC task force which will be responsible for the preparations of the participation of the OIC to Dubai Expo 2020
- Each institution should finance its participation by its own financial means or by sponsors.
- To examine the possibility of providing for a special financing for the participation of the OIC to Expo Dubai 2020.
- OIC institutions should display their publications, activities in compliance with the theme and sub-themes of the Expo" Connecting Minds, Creating the future": Opportunity, Mobility and sustainability.
- OIC Institutions are invited to plan a part of their activities in Dubai on the sidelines of the Expo Dubai 2020 notably the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the OIC.

24. Workshop for the preparation of the OIC participation to World Expo Dubai 2020, Casablanca, October 16th-17th 2018. AJUSTER FORMAT DE CETTE PARTIE

Within the framework of the participation of the OIC in Dubai Expo and with a view to exchanging information and to share ideas amongst the different OIC institutions, the "Bureau Expo Dubai 2020" organized an interactive workshop for the benefit of the OIC institutions on October 16th and 17th 2018 in Casablanca - Kingdom of Morocco.

The Bureau Expo Dubai, was represented by:

- ◆ Mrs Manal Omar, Senior Manager - International Participants,
- ◆ Mr Ayomiku Williams, Storyteller - International Participants
- ◆ Mrs Katrina Joaquin, Designer - Pavilion Content- International Participants

Mrs Manal started the workshop by making a presentation on Expo Dubai 2020 and its objectives and informed the participation that this Expo will be organized under the theme: "Connecting Minds, Creating the future". She also added that through this theme, Expo Dubai 2020 will provide a platform to foster creativity, innovation and Global collaboration. This is

underpinned by 3 interwoven sub items that respond to the most pressing issues, namely: Opportunity, Mobility and Sustainability.

- ✓ Opportunity: is at the heart of Development, ensuring that new horizons are opened to persons and communities to help them meet their current needs and their future aspirations.
- ✓ Mobility: is the bridge to opportunity by connecting people, collecting ideas and providing easier access to markets, knowledge and innovation.
- ✓ Sustainability: guides how we grow opportunities by using fewer resources, while protecting the environment for future generations.

Theme statement:

After a brainstorming session and fruitful discussions, the participants agreed upon that the draft theme statement of the OIC would be “Islam as a way of life “. This theme will be divided in Two sub items: sharing the values and intercultural dialogue.

In this regard, all concerned OIC Institutions are kindly requested to send their communication materials (Photos, videos, Audio, Poetry, etc..) by end of November 2018 directly to Mr Ayomiku Williams, in order to allow the technical team to develop the visual story relating to theme development by January 2019.

Side-lines events:

OIC Institutions are kindly requested to send to ICDDT their proposals of activities projects and initiatives to be organized on the side-lines of the Expo Dubai 2020. ICDDT will consolidate the aforesaid activities in a matrix of planned activities and transmit them to Expo 2020 Bureau.

Concept and contents of the OIC pavilion:

These issues will be tackled during the upcoming coordination meetings, after receiving the first draft of the visual story from Bureau Expo Dubai (January 2019).

25. 2nd for the Preparation of the OIC participation in Expo Dubai 2020, Jedd-h - Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, January 14th 2019:

Within the framework of the preparation of the participation of the OIC in the Expo Dubai 2020, scheduled to be held in Dubai from October 20th 2020 to April 10th 2021 (postponed to October 1st 2021 till March 31st 2022), the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade as the OIC focal point in charge of co-ordinating the aforesaid participation, organised in Jeddah at the Headquarters of the OIC a coordination Meeting with Expo Dubai 2020 Team on January 14th 2019.

The objective of this Meeting is to exchange views on all aspects of the OIC participation in the Expo Dubai 2020 including logistics, presentation of the OIC Pavilion, contribution of each OIC Institution and the potential collaboration between Dubai Islamic Economy Development Centre and OIC Institutions.

The Meeting was attended by the Expo Dubai 2020 Bureau, The Dubai Islamic Economy Development Centre (DIEDC), The Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDDT); The

Department of Economic Affairs of OIC; The Department of Political Affairs of OIC; The OIC Department of Palestine; The OIC Department of Media; The Cultural, Social and Family Affairs Department of OIC; The Statistical, Economic and Social Research and training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC); The Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA); The Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO); Bayt Mal Al Qods Alsharif Agency (BMQA); The Global Partnerships and Resource Mobilization Department of IsDB (GPRM) (IsDB Group Focal Point of Expo Dubai 2020); The International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC); The Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (ICIEC); The Islamic Cooperation for Development of Private Sector (ICD); The Strategy & Cooperation Department of IDB; The Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA); The Islamic University of Technology (IUT) and The Standard and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC).

26. 3rd Workshop on the preparation of the OIC participation in Expo Dubai 2020, Marrakesh, Kingdom of Morocco, April 2nd 2019:

Within the framework of the preparations of the participation of the OIC in the Expo Dubai 2020, scheduled to be held in Dubai from October 20th 2020 to April 10th 2021 (postponed to October 1st 2021 till March 31st 2022), the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade as the OIC focal point in charge of co-ordinating the aforesaid participation, organised in Marrakesh; Kingdom of Morocco, the Third Coordination Meeting of OIC Institutions and Expo Dubai 2020 Bureau on April 2nd 2019.

The objective of this Meeting was to exchange views on all aspects of the OIC participation in the Expo Dubai 2020 including logistics, presentation of the OIC Pitch Pavilion and Pavilion design, the side lines events to be organised on the margin of this Expo and items to be exhibited by each OIC Institution and technical assistance to be provided by Expo Dubai 2020 Bureau.

The Meeting was attended by the Expo Dubai 2020 Bureau, the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT); the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC); the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO); Bayt Mal Al Qods Alsharif Agency (BMAQ); the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC); the Islamic Cooperation for Development of Private Sector (ICD); the Islamic Development Bank Group (IsDB); the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA); the Islamic University of Technology (IUT); The Standard and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC) and The Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF).

27. International Participants Technical Meeting (IPTM) for Thematic District Pavilions, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, July 14th -16th 2019:

Within the framework of the preparations of the participation of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to the World Expo 2020 to be held in Dubai, State of United Arab Emirates, from October 20th 2020 to April 10th 2021 (postponed to October 1st 2021 till March 31st 2022), the OIC delegation chaired by Dr. EL Hassane HZAINI, attended the International Participants Technical Meeting (IPTM) for Thematic District Pavilions hosted by Expo 2020 Dubai to provide critical updates to OIC delegates on the status of the Expo 2020

Dubai site and the services available to participants through the One-Stop Shop, for pavilion delivery and operations.

28. 4th Meeting of the OIC Institutions for the Preparation of the OIC Participation in EXPO 2020 DUBAI, Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, September 9th -10th 2019:

Within the framework of the preparations of the participation of the OIC in the Expo 2020 Dubai, scheduled to be held in Dubai from October 20th 2020 to April 10th 2021 (postponed to October 1st 2021 till March 31st 2022), the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) and the Research Centre For Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA) organised the 4th Coordination Meeting of the OIC participation in EXPO 2020 Dubai in Istanbul; Republic of Turkey at the IRCICA Headquarters on September 9th 10th 2019.

The objective of this Meeting was to take stock of the progress of the OIC participation in different fields such as the Design, Content and Curation Document of the OIC Pavilion, the activities planned by the OIC Institutions on the Side-lines as well as the logistical aspects.

The Meeting was attended by the following Institutions: the COMCEC Coordination Office (CCO); the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT); the Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA); the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC); the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO); Bayt Mal Al Qods Alsharif Agency (BMAQ); the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC); the Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (ICIEC); The Islamic Development Bank Group (IsDB); the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA); the Islamic University of Technology (IUT); the Standard and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC) and the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF).

29. 5th Coordination Meeting on the preparation of OIC Participation in Expo 2020 Dubai, Dubai, UAE, September 11th 2019:

Within the framework of the preparations of the participation of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to the World Expo 2020 to be held in Dubai, State of United Arab Emirates, from October 20th 2020 to April 10th 2021 (postponed to October 1st 2021 till March 31st 2022), the OIC delegation chaired by Dr. EL Hassane HZAINI, attended the 5th Coordination Meeting of the OIC participation hosted by Expo 2020 Dubai to provide critical updates on the 4th OIC Coordination meeting and to initiate discussions on various key operational, exhibition and programming aspects of the exhibition, in Dubai, UAE on September 11th 2019.

The follow-up Meeting is dedicated to the participation of the OIC Institutions in Expo 2020 Dubai through the pavilion and the side-lines events, followed by series of operational level presentations performed by high level officers on topics such as Dubai Exhibition Centre offers, Event booking system, Media operations & communication, OIC Curation Document, accommodation and logistics issues etc..

The Meeting was attended by the following Institutions: Expo Dubai Bureau, The Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT); The Statistical, Economic and Social Research and training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC); The Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO); Bayt Mal Al Qods Alsharif Agency (BMAQ); The Islamic

University of Technology (IUT) and The Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (ICIEC).

30. Fourth International Participants Meeting (IPM) of Expo 2020 Dubai, November 29th - 30th 2019 at Madinat Jumeirah, Dubai.

Within the framework of the preparation of the participation of the OIC Institutions in Expo 2020 Dubai, the Bureau of Expo Dubai organized the Expo 2020 Dubai International Participants Meeting (IPM) on November 29th-30th 2019. Mr. Saad MARCIL, in charge of Studies Representative of ICDT participated in this Meeting.

The objective of this meeting was to hear presentations on how daily programming at Expo is coming to life and to attend workshops giving further detail on what was addressed on the plenary stage the day before as well as to discuss programming for effective interaction between Participants.

This event gathered more a thousand representatives from nearly 192 Countries to prepare for The World's Greatest Show of human brilliance & achievement.

For the first time in World Expo history, each participating country will host its own pavilion to showcase the best of its culture and innovations to millions of global visitors.

The first day was comprised of plenary sessions providing delegates with the latest key updates on both operations and programming at Expo 2020 Dubai. With just 11 months to go until event time, Expo 2020 delegates went through critical timelines, and outlined the platforms and services that have been put in place to facilitate a successful Expo 2020 for all.

On the Side lines of the plenary session dedicated to general information on the Expo2020 programming the ICDT's representative had a bilateral meeting with Mr Ahmed Metwally, Manag-r - IO and Non-Official Participants and Mr Ayomiku Williams, Storytell-r - IP Content and Programming from the Bureau International des Expositions (Expo2020) to take stock on the Pavilion content schedule and the content creation progress which should be in line with the approved stage one -Pitch Story and Stage Two -Concept Design, and proceeded with the necessary adjustments on the Content Curation Document in order to deliver the content production in due time to the technical support team to proceed with the fitting out of the OIC Pavilion by the beginning of January 2020.

The second day was dedicated to technical sessions, in the form of workshops, giving further detail on what was addressed on the plenary stage, as well as covering operational topics for specific types of participation.

These sessions served as deep-dive examinations of key topics, allowing another opportunity for Participants to engage directly with the Expo team. Expo also provided platforms for Participants to discuss programming with one another, among them an all-day room provided for effective interaction between Participants, as well as dedicated areas for Participants to present their own programming offerings. The ICDT's representative seized this opportunity to held a bilateral meeting with Mr Ragy Saro, Acting Senior Manag-r - IO and Non-Official Participants and Mr Ahmed Metwally, Manag-r - IO and Non-Official Participants, which served as a follow up on the consolidated OIC side-events and in order to discuss the necessary arrangements for securing the space and date at the Expo and the cost

proposals for each events.

31. Expo 2020 Dubai's fifth International Participants Meeting (IPM), August 24th 27th 2020

ICDT team took part also to the Expo2020 Dubai's fifth International Participants Meeting (IPM), held from August 24th 27th 2020.

This is the first time that the Expo 2020 Dubai International Participants Meeting was held virtually.

Since the IPM in November 2019 and the recent global events, Expo 2020 continues to make considerable progress and deliver on its commitments. IPM 2020 was be the first of its kind and was an opportunity for OIC Participants to not only witness the progress, but also an opportunity to discuss on the sidelines key operational and programmed aspects related to the OIC participation

C. Businessmen Forums & Trade Missions:

1. Morocco-Gabonese Business Forum, Rabat - Kingdom of Morocco, September 14th 15th 2017:

As part of its program of cooperation with OIC Member States, the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) organized in collaboration with the Embassy of the Republic of Gabon accredited in Rabat and the Moroccan authorities, a Moroccan-Gabonese Business Forum on the premises of the Embassy of the Republic of Gabon in Rabat, on the September 14th and 15th 2017.

This Forum, which aimed to boost trade between Morocco and Gabon, was organized in collaboration with the Gabonese ministries of Foreign Affairs, la Francophonie and Regional Integration, in charge of Gabonese abroad; and the Promotion of Private Investment, Trade, Tourism and Industry; and the Moroccan Ministries of Industry, Trade and Digital Economy; Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

Many Moroccan and Gabonese economic operators took part in this Forum, whose main objective is to consolidate economic and commercial exchanges between Libreville and Rabat. A Country which undergoes significant changes Gabon wants to invest USD 21 billion over the coming years to strengthen infrastructure and support non-oil growth poles.

The Forum has enabled Moroccan investors to discover the investment opportunities offered by Gabon and the Agencies, stakeholders of the new development strategy of Gabon, to explain to various operators and Moroccan actors, their functioning, as well as their expectations.

Two panels were organized:

- The potentials of Morocco and Gabon, and investment opportunities.
- The role of Agencies, Sovereign Funds, and deposit funds in developing economies and boosting trade.

2. Buyers/Sellers Meeting on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Equipment, Abidjan - Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, November 2th -3th 2017:

The Islamic Centre for Development of Trade participated in the Meeting of Buyers and

Sellers of Pharmaceutical and Paramedical Products organized by the ICDT and the ITFC in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene and the Ministry of Commerce, Handicrafts and Promotion of SMEs in Abidjan, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire from November 2th to 3th 2017.

This meeting was organized within the framework of the implementation of the ITFC's Arab-Africa Trade Bridge (AATB) Program, and the Program of the Sub-Committee on Trade and Investment (TISC) of the ACMOI.

This event was attended by 50 companies and 10 National Medicines Supply Agencies from 17 countries, including 16 OIC countries, namely:

Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Mali, Niger, Guinea, Senegal, Morocco, Gabon, Togo, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Palestine, Jordan, Tunisia, Burundi and Côte d'Ivoire. Two institutions took part in this event: ICDT and ITFC.

The meeting generated a turnover of 80 Million US Dollars and helped to organize 344 B2B meetings and 97 service offerings.

3. Meeting between Tunisian exporters and Moroccan importers of Dates, Casablanca - Kingdom of Morocco, December 19th 2017:

Within the framework of its activities aimed at facilitating interaction between economic operators of OIC Member States in various sectors, ICDT hosted and organized with the Tunisian Trade Representation in Morocco, a meeting between Tunisian date exporters members of the "GIFruits Tunisia" association and Moroccan date importers, on December 19th 2017 at the Business Center of the ICDT in Casablanca. This meeting was an opportunity to review the obstacles hampering the export of Tunisian dates to Morocco, as well as the expectations of Moroccan importers in terms of respect for quality and compliance with sanitary and phytosanitary standards.

4. The 16th Meeting of the Economic Advisers to the Embassies of the OIC Member States accredited to the Kingdom of Morocco, Rabat - Kingdom of Morocco, January 18th 2018:

Within the framework of its regular contacts with the Embassies of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) accredited to the Kingdom of Morocco, the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) organized the 16th Meeting of Economic Advisors of the Embassies of the OIC Member States accredited to the Kingdom of Morocco in 18th January 2018 in Rabat - Kingdom of Morocco.

This meeting focused on the presentation of the latest developments in the trade between the OIC Member States, Fairs and Exhibitions organized by the ICDT, trade missions, forums and seminars scheduled in 2018, as well as the ITFC Arab-Africa Trade Bridges Project and the Trade Information Network for Islamic Countries (TINIC).

The discussions also focused on cooperation between the ICDT and the Embassies of the OIC Member States accredited to the Kingdom of Morocco for the implementation of the work program of the Centre for 2018.

The meeting was attended by the officials in charge of economic and trade affairs at the Embassies of the OIC Member States accredited to the Kingdom of Morocco as well as the

representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Kingdom of Morocco, the Ministry of Industry, Trade, Investment and Digital Economy of the Kingdom of Morocco, the Regional Office of the Islamic Development Bank Group (IDB) in Rabat, the General Secretariat of the Arab Maghreb Union (AMU), the Arab Organization for Industrial Development and Mining (AIDMO), the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) and Bayt Mal Al Quds Acharif Agency.

5. Meeting between Egyptian exporters and Moroccan importers of Dates, Casablanca - Kingdom of Morocco, April 17th -18th 2018

Within the framework of its activities aimed at facilitating interaction between economic operators of OIC Member States in various sectors, ICDT hosted and organized with the Egyptian Trade Representation in Morocco, a meeting between Egyptian date exporters members and Moroccan date importers, on April 17th -18th 2018 at the Business Center of the ICDT in Casablanca. This meeting was an opportunity to review the obstacles hampering the export of Egyptian dates to Morocco, as well as the expectations of Moroccan importers in terms of respect for quality and compliance with sanitary and phytosanitary standards.

6. Business Forum between Agadir Agreement Countries and West African Countries, Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco, May 10th -11th 2018:

ICDT, ITFC and ATU have organized the Business Forum between Agadir Agreement Countries and West African Countries on May 10th-11th 2018 in Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco. On this occasion, B2B meetings were organized in specific sectors with high business potential, including agri-business, pharmaceuticals, cotton/textiles and leather/skins. A Special Session was devoted to the development of trade and investment between the State of Palestine, Agadir Agreement Members and West African Countries. Other regional and international institutions also participated namely: The Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the International Trade Centre (ITC), The Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA), AFREXIMBANK, the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU), the Economic Commission for Africa (CEA-Rabat) and Bayt Mal Al Qods Agency. The Forum has focused on strengthening cooperation between the Member States of the Agadir Agreement and West African countries whose intra-regional trade amounted to USD 2.07 billion in 2016, which represents about 1% of the Agadir Agreement's global trade. Participants also are agreed to combine their efforts to boost trade and investment flows between these countries.

7. Business Forum of the Agadir Agreement & West African OIC Members Countries, Hotel Sheraton, Casablanca - Kingdom of Morocco, May 10th -11th 2018:

Within the framework of promoting trade and investment among Arab and African Countries under the Arab African Trade Bridge Program, the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC), the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) and the Agadir Agreement Technical Unit (ATU) organised under the auspices of the Ministry of Industry, Investment, Trade and the Digital Economy of the Kingdom of Morocco a Business Forum of the Agadir Agreement and West African OIC Members Countries on 10th and 11th May 2018, in Casablanca, Morocco.

This Business Forum aimed at enhancing trade and investment flows between Agadir Agreement Members States (Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt and Jordan) and West African OIC Member Countries. On this occasion, B2B meetings were organised in specific sectors with high business potential, including agri-business, pharmaceuticals, cotton/textiles and leather/skins.

A Special Session was devoted to the development of trade and investment between the State of Palestine, Agadir Agreement Members and West African Countries.

The following Member States took part in this Forum: Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Jordan, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Palestine, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tunisia.

Regional and international institutions also participated namely: ITFC, ICDT, ATU, ICCIA, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the International Trade Centre (ITC), The Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA), AFREXIMBANK, the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU), the Economic Commission for Africa (CEA-Rabat) and Bayt Mal Al Qods Agency.

8. Launch of the 9th Muslim World Biz and Awards Ceremony:

At the invitation of the Malaysian Company "OIC International Business Center", the ICDT represented by Mrs. Kadiatou DIALLO took part in the launching of the 9th edition of "Muslim World Biz" as well as the award ceremony of the "Muslim World Entrepreneurs Development", held in Langkawi (Malaysia) on November 3rd 2018.

On this occasion, Mrs. Diallo delivered a message on behalf of the Director General of ICDT Dr. El Hassane Hzaine and proceeded to the launching of the 9th Edition of "Muslim World Biz" as well as the ceremony of awarding the "Muslim World Development Entrepreneurs", together with the Governor of Kedah State (Malaysia) HE Dato 'Seri Mukhriz Bin Tun Dr. Mahathir, the Chairman and CEO of the Malaysian Company "OIC International Business Center" and the President of "Muslim World Development Entrepreneurs". During the meeting, about 40 entrepreneurs from the OIC Countries were rewarded for their efforts to promote entrepreneurship in the OIC Countries.

During the closing session, ICDT, the Society of Medina and the Malaysian Society signed a MOU for the organization of a workshop and an Exhibition for the promotion of Saudi dates in Malaysia, on the sidelines of the 9th Edition of "Muslim World Biz" scheduled from April 3rd to 5th 2019 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Center (KLCC).

9. Malaysian Business Mission in Morocco, Casablanca, 22 January 2019:

Within the framework of its program of cooperation with the OIC Member States, the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) organized, in collaboration with the Malaysian Embassy in Rabat and the Event company "Say Yes Event", a Seminar and B2B Meetings between Malaysian Business People and their Moroccan Counterparts on January 22th 2019 at Farah Hotel - Casablanca.

The Malaysian Delegation was composed of companies covering the food, agriculture, health, cosmetics, catering, computer and road infrastructure sectors.

The following Ministries and Institutions took part in this event: Ministry of Industry, Investment, Trade and Digital Economy of Morocco, Moroccan Association of Exporters (ASMEX), General Confederation of Moroccan Enterprises (CGEM), Moroccan Agency for Development of Investments and Exports (AMDIE), Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC) and several Moroccan companies specializing in the aforementioned sectors.

On this occasion, the Malaysian Companies showcased demonstrations of their products and services, the ICDT made a presentation on “How to do Business in Morocco” while the OMPIC presented the theme “Overview on the Protection of Industrial Property in Morocco”.

10. Technical Seminar on the Promotion of Malaysian Palm Oil, Morocco, Casablanca, 7 February 2019:

Within the framework of its program of cooperation with OIC Member States, the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) organized with the Malaysian Embassy in Rabat and the Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB) Regional Office in Cairo, a Technical Seminar for the Promotion of Malaysian Palm Oil in Morocco on February 7th 2019 at the Sheraton Casablanca Hotel.

The aim of this Technical Seminar is to raise awareness among industry and consumers on the benefits of palm oil, to increase the use of palm oil and to establish direct links with the users of oils and fats, especially palm oil.

The event was attended by the Ambassador of Malaysia to the Kingdom of Morocco, H.E. Mrs. Astanah Abdul Aziz, the Director General of ICDT, Deputy Director General of the Regional Office of the Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB) in Cairo, the Representative of the Moroccan Association of Exporters (ASMEX) as well as the Organizations, Federations and specialized companies in Edible Oils Sector in Morocco.

11. 17th Meeting of the Economic Advisers to the Embassies of the OIC Member States accredited to the Kingdom of Morocco, Rabat – Kingdom of Morocco, February 14th 2019:

Within the framework of its regular contacts with the Embassies of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) accredited to the Kingdom of Morocco, the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) organized the 17th Meeting of Economic Advisors of the Embassies of the OIC Member States accredited to the Kingdom of Morocco on 14th February 2019 in Rabat – Kingdom of Morocco.

This meeting focused in particular on the presentation of the latest developments of the trade between the OIC Member States, the Information Network for Islamic Countries (TINIC), Trade Missions as well as the Forums and Seminars to be organized by the ICDT in 2019. The discussions also focused on cooperation between the ICDT and the Embassies of the OIC Member States accredited to the Kingdom of Morocco as part of the Centre’s assistance program for the benefit of the OIC Member States.

Also took part in this meeting the Economic Advisers of the Embassies of the OIC Member States accredited to the Kingdom of Morocco as well as the Representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Morocco, the Ministry of Industry, Investment, Trade and Digital Economy of the Kingdom of Morocco, the Regional

Office of the of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Group in Rabat, the Arab Organization for Industrial Development and Mining (AIDMO), the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) and Bayt Mal Al-Quds Asharif Agency.

12. 2nd Forum on Public-Private Partnerships (PPP), Rabat, February 28th 2019:

The Islamic Centre for Development of Trade participated in the 2nd Forum on Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) organized by the Islamic Development Bank Group in collaboration with the Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Kingdom of Morocco in Rabat on February 28th 2019 under the theme “Common efforts for common goals”.

The 2nd Public-Private Partnership Forum brought together more than 300 internationally renowned participants and experts, government officials and private investors to discuss ways to improve the legal and institutional environment for PPPs, particularly in the African continent.

The meeting focused on three panels on the potential of PPPs to shape future cities, the creation of an enabling environment for PPPs in social infrastructure (health and education) and innovative mechanisms for PPPs.

13. Visit of a Delegation of Businessmen from the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry, Casablanca, December 5th 2019:

The ICDT received on December 5th 2019 at its headquarters the visit of a high-level Delegation of Businessmen from the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI). This Delegation was led by His Excellency Hamid Asghar KHAN, Ambassador of Pakistan in Morocco and Dr. Mirza Ikhtiar BAIG, Vice-President of the Federation.

The Delegation was composed of Businessmen representing the following sectors: Food and Rice, Oil, Cement, Textile and Denim, Hospitality, Higher Education Services, Furniture, Cosmetics and Pharmaceutical products, Construction and Real Estate.

After a fruitful debate, both parties decided to organize the following activities for the benefit of Pakistan:

- 18th Trade Fair of the OIC Member States in Pakistan in 2022;
- Morocco-Pakistan Business Forum in 2020 in Morocco;
- Awareness Raising Seminar on the TPS/OIC Agreement and its Protocols in 2020 in Pakistan;
- Various Trade Events to promote key Sectors in Pakistan: Halal Food, Islamic Banking, Higher Education Services and Rice.

14. 18th Meeting of the Economic Advisers to the Embassies of the OIC Member States accredited to the Kingdom of Morocco, Rabat – Kingdom of Morocco, January 22nd 2020:

Within the framework of its regular contacts with the Embassies of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) accredited to the Kingdom of Morocco, the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) organized the 18th Meeting of Economic Advisors of the Embassies of the OIC Member States accredited to the Kingdom of Morocco on January

22nd 2020 in Rabat – Kingdom of Morocco.

This meeting focused in particular on the presentation of the latest developments in trade among the OIC Member States, ICDT Fairs and Exhibitions, Forums and Seminars and B2B missions, joint activities with the Country Strategy Department and Cooperation of IDB, OIC participation in Dubai Expo 2020, Trade Information Network for Islamic Countries (TINIC) including “OIC Trade MAP”, as well as on presentation of Business Center & Showroom of ICDT. Discussions also focused on the cooperation between the ICDT and the Embassies of OIC Countries accredited to the Kingdom of Morocco within the framework of the Centre’s assistance program for the benefit of OIC Member States. On this occasion, the Embassies proposed activities to be organized jointly with the ICDT for the period from 2020 to 2022.

Took part in this meeting, the Economic Advisers of the Embassies of the OIC Member States accredited to the Kingdom of Morocco as well as the Representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Morocco, the Ministry of Industry, Investment, Trade and Digital Economy of the Kingdom of Morocco, the Regional Office of the Islamic Development Bank Group (IDB) in Rabat, the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC), The Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), Bayt Mal Al-Quds Asharif Agency, the Arab Organization for Industrial Development and Mines (OADIM), the Ministry of Commerce and SMEs of the Republic of Senegal, the International Center for Foreign Trade of Senegal (CICES), the Moroccan Institute for Standardization (IMANOR), Maroc PME, the Moroccan Plastics Federation (FMP), “Global Fairs & Events ”, the Association of African TPOs (AATPO) and the Association of African Trade Promotion Organizations (AOAPC).

D. Activities of the Business Centre for Islamic Countries (BCIC):

The Islamic Countries’ Business Centre is a space for meetings and exchanges dedicated to Business People. Located at the headquarters of ICDT, it was inaugurated in December 2013. ICDT has found it useful to set up this Business Centre to enable businessmen arriving in Morocco and Casablanca in particular to benefit from all the assistance and services provided by ICDT in this area in order to promote and strengthen investment and partnership relations between Member States and provide assistance in such areas as trade promotion, training and consulting.

This space has been made available free of charge for the benefit of the Businessmen delegations wishing to use it for their meetings with their counterparts.

The Business Centre’s objectives are:

- ❖ To develop trade and partnership agreements between the OIC Countries;
- ❖ To serve as a platform for exchanges and B2B meetings between the business people of Islamic Countries;
- ❖ To host seminars dedicated to the OIC countries and specific markets;
- ❖ To provide assistance to the businessmen of the OIC Countries in order to facilitate business contacts.

It should be noted that since the creation of the Business Centre, ICDDT hosted business missions from Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Indonesia and Tunisia interested in developing their trade with the OIC Countries. In order to encourage the Economic Operators of the OIC Countries to use this meeting and exchange platform in a bid to develop their business, ICDDT made a plea at the last meeting of Economic Advisers to the Embassies of the OIC Member States accredited to the Kingdom of Morocco held in Rabat on 18th January 2018. The Centre intends to do so in the next institutional meetings of the OIC and other meetings.

III- MULTILATERAL AND OIC TRADE NEGOTIATIONS:

A. Trade Preferential System among OIC Countries (TPS/OIC):

- *ICDT's role as member of the TNC secretariat:*

The 19th Session of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation has entrusted to ICDT and the COMCEC coordination Office the Secretariat of the Trade Negotiating committee.

Within this framework, the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade provides to Member States technical assistance under the form of training sessions intended for the executive staff operating in the field of foreign trade or by submitting explanatory notes on the framework Agreement on the Trade Preferential System among the OIC Member States and on the Protocol on the Preferential Tariff Scheme for TPS/OIC (PRETAS) and the protocol on the Rules of Origin.

The Islamic Centre for Development of Trade provides comprehensive explanatory notes related to issues debated within the framework of negotiations on the Trade Preferential System (TPS/OIC), the Protocol on the Preferential Tariff Scheme (PRETAS) and the Protocol on the Rules of Origin.

In this regard, the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade has recently prepared explanatory notes on “the Framework Agreement on the Trade Preferential System among the OIC Member States, the PRETAS Protocol, intended for the Countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council and Indonesia.

Upon the successful conclusion of the 1st and 2nd Rounds, the Trade Negotiating Committee will carry on its work that will focus on two main actions: on the one hand, the implementation of the PRETAS, notably by applying the fast track and the consideration of issue relating to the removal of para- and non-tariff measures on the other.

Within the framework of the operationalization of the TPS/OIC Agreement and its protocols, ICDT sent circular letters to participating Member States in March, April and May 2015 relating to checklist of the implementation process of the Rules Origin, the conversion of tariff lines from 2003 to 2015 version of applied tariffs with a view to facilitating trade negotiations between these countries. The deadline for the submission of this information was 1st March, 2016 as recommended by the Resolution 29 of the 31st Ministerial Session of the COMCEC held in November 2015 in Istanbul.

To date, the TNC Secretariat received the updated concession lists from the following **14** OIC Member States: Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Turkey, Malaysia, Syria(suspended), Bangladesh, Iran, Pakistan and Jordan have sent to the TNC Secretariat the List of Products for tariff concessions under the TPS/OIC.

The Committee requested the concerned Member States to notify the TNC Secretariat of their relevant internal measures to be undertaken for implementation of the TPS-OIC Rules of Origin at their earliest convenience.

The ICDT and the COMCEC Coordination Office have continued to organize awareness raising and capacity building activities with regard the TPS-OIC.

- **Training programs:**

Since 2016, the following awareness-raising seminars were organized:

1. **Training Seminar on the “Trade Preferential System Among the OIC Member States (TPS OIC) and its Protocols” for the benefit of the African Countries, Casablanca - Kingdom of Morocco, March 28th -30th 2016:**

Within the framework of the implementation of relevant Resolutions of the Ministers of Foreign Trade of the OIC Countries, particularly those relating to the raising awareness of the Framework Agreement on Trade Preferential System among OIC Member States (TPS/OIC) and its protocols, for the benefit of Regional Economic Groupings, the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) and the Department of Cooperation and Integration of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) organized in collaboration with the Ministry in Charge of Foreign Trade of the Kingdom of Morocco a Training Seminar on “ TPS / OIC Agreement and its protocols for the benefit of African Countries” from March 28th to 30th 2016 in Casablanca, Morocco.

The objective of this seminar is to raise awareness among the Member States of the Regional Economic Groupings (REG) such as the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), The West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU) and the Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CEMAC), on the TPS/OIC Agreement and its protocols in order to accelerate its signature and ratification by these groupings to strengthen the development of intra-OIC trade.

The following countries attended this seminar: **Algeria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d’Ivoire, Egypt, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Morocco, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sudan, Chad, Togo and Tunisia.**

2. **Training Seminar on “TPS/ OIC Agreement and its protocols for the benefit of executives of the state of Palestine and Jordan”, Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, April 4th-5th 2016:**

The objective of this seminar is to raise awareness among Palestinian and Jordanian executives of the public and private sector on the importance of the TPS/OIC Agreement and its Protocols in order to contribute to the development of trade between these countries and the other OIC Member States.

3. **Training Workshop on “Trade Preferential System among the Member States of the Organization (TPS/ OIC) ”, Jakarta, Republic of Indonesia, September 13th -14th 2017:**

Within the framework of the implementation of the 32nd Session of the COMCEC resolution relating to TPS-OIC and other relevant Resolutions of the Ministers of Foreign Trade of the OIC Countries, particularly those relating to the raising awareness of the Framework Agreement on Trade Preferential System among OIC Member States (TPS/OIC) and its protocols, the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade and the COMCEC Coordination Office (CCO) organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Trade of the Republic of Indonesia, a training Workshop on Trade Preferential System among the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (TPS – OIC) in Jakarta on 13 – 14 September 2017.

The workshop aimed at raising the awareness of Indonesia’s, Brunei and Malaysia officials

and business stakeholders of the TPS-OIC implementation and its benefits. It also provided an interactive discussion that helps participants to address some of the issues and challenges faced by the Indonesian government in completing the ratification process of the TPS-OIC.

More than 80 Participants from Indonesia (Public and Private Sector), Malaysia, Pakistan, Tunisia, Turkey, Kuwait, Bangladesh, Qatar, Iran and also COMCEC Coordination Office and ICDT attend this workshop.

4. Training Workshop on the Trade Preferential System among the OIC Member States (TPS-OIC), Khartoum, Republic of Sudan, December 17th-18th 2018:

Within the framework of the implementation of the resolutions of the COMCEC Sessions relating to the TPS-OIC and other relevant resolutions of the Ministers of Foreign Trade of the OIC Countries, and particularly those on raising awareness on the Framework Agreement on the Trade Preferential System among the OIC Member States (TPS / OIC) and its protocols, the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade and the COMCEC Coordination Office (CCO) and the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA) will organize in collaboration with the Ministry of Commerce of the Republic of Sudan, a training workshop on “The Trade Preferential System among the OIC Member States (TPS-OIC)” in Khartoum from December 17th to 18th 2018.

The aim of the workshop was to raise-awareness among Sudanese, Ugandan and Mozambican officials as well as economic actors in these countries to the implementation of TPS-OIC and its benefits.

The Workshop also saw the holding of an interactive discussion which allowed participants to address issues that would help these Member States to review the content and importance of the TPS / OIC agreement and its protocols in order to accelerate the process of its signature and ratification.

**LIST OF THE MEMBERS STATES WHICH HAVE SIGNED AND RATIFIED THE AGREEMENTS UNDER
THE AUSPICES OF ICDT AND COMCEC (As of November 2019)**

AGREEMENTS COUNTRIES	TPS/OIC		PRETAS		RULES OF		Documents submitted of list of concessions
	Signed	Ratified	Signed	Ratified	Signed	Ratified	
Bahrain	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Bangladesh	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Benin	*		*		*		
Brunei	*	*					
Burkina Faso	*		*		*		
Cameroon	*	*	*	*	*		
Chad	*						
Comoros	*		*		*		
Côte d'Ivoire	*		*		*		
Djibouti	*	*	*		*		
Egypt	*	*	*				
Gabon	*	*					
The Gambia	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Guinea	*	*	*		*		
Guinea Bissau	*		*		*		
Indonesia	*	*	*		*		
Iran	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Iraq	*	*					
Jordan	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Kuwait	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Lebanon	*	*					
Libya	*	*					
Malaysia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Maldives	*	*					
Mauritania	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Morocco	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Niger	*		*		*		
Nigeria	*		*		*		
Oman	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Pakistan	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Palestine	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Qatar	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Saudi Arabia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Senegal	*	*					
Sierra Leone	*		*		*		
Somalia	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Sudan	*		*		*		
Syria	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Tunisia	*	*	*		*		
Turkey	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
U.A.E	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Uganda	*	*					
TOTAL	42	32	33	19	32	18	14

Source: COMCEC, OIC GS, ICDT.

B. Assistance of OIC Countries in WTO Matters:

1. Workshop on the Mechanisms for settlement of Trade and Investment Disputes among the OIC Member States, February 20th-21th 2017, in Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco:

Within the framework of the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the OIC organs and technical assistance to Member States in the development of trade, the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) organized in collaboration with the International Islamic Center for Reconciliation and Arbitration (IICRA), a workshop on “**the Mechanisms for Settlement of Trade and Investment Disputes among the OIC Member States**” on February 20th and 21st 2017 in Casablanca – Kingdom of Morocco. This workshop aimed to develop cooperation and coordination among the OIC Member States on reconciliation and arbitration mechanisms for the settlement of trade and investment disputes, with an emphasis on the operationalization of provisions for settlement of disputes relating to the relevant agreements of the OIC, including:

- Agreement on Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments among the OIC Member States;
- The General Agreement on Economic, Technical and Commercial Cooperation among the OIC Member States;
- The Framework Agreement on Trade Preferential System among the OIC Member States;
- Protocol on the Preferential Tariff Scheme for TPS-OIC (PRETAS);
- The TPS-OIC Protocol on Rules of Origin

2. Training Workshop on Trade in Services for OIC Member States, March 22th-24th 2017, Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco:

Within the framework of the implementation of technical assistance to OIC Member States on WTO issues, the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT), the Statistical, Economic, Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) and the Department of Cooperation and Resource Mobilization of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) organized, in collaboration with the Ministry in Charge of Foreign Trade of the Kingdom of Morocco a Training Workshop on “Trade in Services of OIC Member States”, March 22th-24th 2017, Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco. The objective of the workshop is to build the capacity of OIC Member States to negotiate in the Trade in Services sector, and to increase their capacity to promote trade in services at the OIC level, thereby stimulating intra-OIC trade and assisting OIC Member States in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

3. Workshop on the Preparation of the 11th WTO Ministerial Conference: An African Perspective, July 17th-19th 2017, Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco:

As part of their technical assistance program on WTO issues for Member States, the Department of Resource Mobilization and Cooperation of the Islamic Development Bank (DRMC-IDB) and the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) organized, in collaboration with the Secretariat of State in charge of Foreign Trade of the Kingdom of Morocco, a Seminar on the Preparation of the 11th WTO Ministerial Conference: An African

Consultation dedicated to African States Members of the OIC, from July 17th to 19th 2017 in Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco.

The following countries took part in this seminar: Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Morocco, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Chad, Togo, Tunisia and Uganda.

The following institutions also attended and directed the seminar: FAO, UNCTAD, CUTS International, IDB and ICDT.

4. Workshop on Non-Tariff Barriers among the OIC Member States", October 24th 25th 2017, Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco

ICDT have organized with the COMCEC Coordination Office and the OIC General Secretariat and the Kingdom of Morocco a "Workshop on Non-Tariff Barriers among the OIC Member States" on October 24th-25th 2017 in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco. The workshop was inaugurated by H.E. Dr. Yousef Al-Othaimen, the Secretary General of OIC, the Secretary of State in Charge of Foreign Trade Mrs. Rkia Derham. The workshop aimed at: 1) identifying and analyzing non-tariff barriers to trade and their impact on trade of the OIC Member countries; 2) contributing to the gradual dismantling of non-tariff barriers to trade between the OIC Member States; 3) to formulate recommendations and measures to reduce the impact of NTB in order to boost intra-OIC trade; and 4) contributing to the attainment of the OIC strategic objective to promote intra-OIC trade to reach 25% by the year 2025 under the framework TYPOA 2016 - 2025. After fruitful deliberations, participants agreed on several important recommendations in order to achieve the aforementioned objectives.

The total number of the WTO Member reached 164 countries with the accession of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan during the 10th WTO Ministerial Conference. Currently, 44 WTO Member States are OIC Members, that is to say more than the quarter of the WTO Members. The WTO Member States account for about 97% of the world economy.

The current number of the OIC Member States that have applied for accession to the WTO is 11, these are: Algeria, Azerbaijan, Iraq, Iran, Lebanon, Libya, Uzbekistan, Sudan, Syria, Comoro sand Somalia.

ICDT was mandated by its statute and the relevant resolutions of the CFM and the COMCEC to follow up, in collaboration with the Group of the Islamic Development Bank, the multilateral trade negotiations organised by the World Trade Organisation (W.T.O) and extend support, provide relevant training and technical assistance to the OIC Member States in this field, especially the acceding Countries to WTO. Within this framework, I.C.D.T submits on a regular basis, progress reports on these negotiations to the COMCEC annual meetings, the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs of the O.I.C and the Council of the Foreign Affairs Ministers (CFM).

Likewise, ICDT produces reports and studies in preparation of the WTO Ministerial Meetings in order to shed light on the positions of Islamic Countries at these meetings and identify a common platform to coordinate their positions.

Besides, the Centre organizes seminars and workshops on the Multilateral Trade Negotiations for the benefit of the representatives of the OIC Member States from both the

public and private sectors and on intra-OIC trade negotiations.

5. The High Level OIC Expert Meeting on “Investment Obstacles in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities”, Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco, January 24th – 25th 2018

In implementation of the agreement between H.E. the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and H.E. President of the Republic of Cote d’Ivoire, during the OIC 44th Council of Foreign Ministers held in Abidjan in July 2017, to organize an OIC Conference on Obstacles and Facilitation of Investment in Africa, the Islamic Center for Development of Trade (ICDT) took the initiative of organizing a High Level OIC Expert Meeting on “Investment Obstacles in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities” which was held on 24-25 January 2018 in Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco.

The main objectives of this Meeting are to share international, regional and national perspectives on main obstacles, to propose better solutions to Investment in Africa in one hand and on the other hand to prepare the draft Conference Declaration and the draft OIC Investment Guidelines that will be presented for the consideration of the 2018 OIC Africa Investment Conference in Abidjan, Republic of Cote d’Ivoire.

ICDT organized the meeting in partnership with the Investment Division of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). The following OIC Member States and OIC institutions participated in the meeting: Kingdom of Morocco, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Republic of Turkey, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Republic of Senegal, Republic of Côte d’Ivoire, Department of Legal Affairs of the OIC General Secretariat.

The Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT), The Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (ICIEC), The Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Center for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), University of Geneva, and University of East Anglia (UK).

Experts have prepared two draft documents to be considered as final documents to be submitted to the 2018 OIC Investment Conference in Africa; “Draft OIC Guiding Principles for Investment Policymaking” and “Draft Declaration of the Conference”.

The “Draft OIC Guiding Principles for Investment Policymaking” and “Draft Declaration” shall be endorsed by the OIC General Secretariat before their submission to the Forthcoming OIC Investment Conference in Africa” and to the OIC Member States. The said documents are not binding and remain of indicative nature as long as they are not officially adopted by the relevant decision-making body at the OIC.

6. ICDT/IDB Study and Workshop to increase OIC Member States Coordination vis-à-vis WTO issues, OIC Mission in Geneva, October 19th-20th 2018.

Referring to the Resolution N° 52 of the Thirty-Third Session of the COMCEC held during the period November 20th-23th 2017 in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey which has requested ICDT and IsDB Group to submit a working paper for the consideration of the next COMCEC meeting about Practical options to increase OIC Ministers of Trade Coordination vis-à-vis recent developments in the negotiations at the WTO and to formulate positions on priority issues for OIC Countries currently being proposed in the WTO, ICDT and IDB in

collaboration with OIC Permanent Representative in Geneva, organized a Workshop on this theme in Geneva, Switzerland on October 19th-20th 2018 .

The objectives of this workshop are to review the draft study and gather the observations and comments made by Member States (MS) in one hand and on the other hand to elaborate practical recommendations to better enhance common coordination mechanisms between Member States in WTO matters.

The Workshop was attended by the following representatives of the OIC Permanent Missions in Geneva: Niger, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Sudan, Palestine, Pakistan, Oman, Albania, Bangladesh, Mali, Djibouti, Senegal, Gabon, Turkey, Maldives, Brunei, Pakistan, Jordan, Comoros, Yemen and Kazakhstan.

ICDT, the OIC Mission in Geneva and IsDB Group attended this meeting.

After a fruitful debate, participants proposed the following recommendations:

- to include all the observations made by OIC MS Representatives in the final version of the study; in this regard, the MS are invited to give their views about the different options mentioned in the Chapter III of this study;
- to extend the period of receiving the observations from OIC MS representative till 31st October 2018; the observations received after this date will be added as an annex to the study and distributed during the COMCEC Meeting in Istanbul (26-29 November 2018);
- to add a new Option (4th Option) relating to the creation of an informal Group at the Geneva Level, like the WAEMU Group;
- In the case the “Option 1” is adopted, the OIC Group shall focus on the systemic issues like the reform of WTO;
- to initiate a “Reverse Linkage Program” on WTO matters for the benefit of acceding countries;
- to initiate a special training program for Geneva OIC based Missions starting from 2019.

7. Panel on Obstacles and Solutions to Investment in Africa, October 23rd 2018, Geneva, Switzerland

Within the framework of the instructions of H.E. The Secretary General of OIC, OIC/UN Cooperation and TISC Integrated Project on Investment, UNCTAD, ICDT, ICIEC, SESRIC, organised in collaboration with the OIC Permanent Mission in Geneva a workshop on « Obstacles and Solutions to Investment in Africa » on October 23rd 2018.

The workshop was chaired by H.E. Amb. Nassima BAGHLI with the participation of Mrs Isabelle Durant, Deputy Secretary General of UNCTAD and representatives of ICDT, ICIEC, SESRIC, Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority (SAGIA), Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission (NIPC) and the Inoks Capital.

More than 200 participants representing plus 50 countries attended this workshop.

The main objectives of this Meeting are on one hand to share international, regional and national perspectives on main obstacles and propose better solutions for Investment in Africa in the one hand and to prepare the draft Declaration of the Conference and the draft OIC

Guiding Principles for Investment Policymaking.

The representatives from ICDT, ICIEC and SESRIC presented the activities of their institutions in the field of investment promotion, obstacles and practical recommendations to invest in Africa.

8. Workshop on Post-WTO Eleventh Ministerial Conference (MC11) for the OIC Member States, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, November 19th 20th 2018.

Within the framework of the implementation of the Resolution of Thirty-Third Session of the COMCEC, held during the period November 20th 23th 2017 in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, which has called upon the IDB and ICDT to continue providing technical assistance to the OIC Member States on WTO related issues and to enhance their efforts in sensitizing the Member States to the impact of WTO trade negotiations on their economies.

The resolution also requested the IDB and ICDT to synergize and coordinate their efforts to strengthen the human and institutional capacity of the OIC Member States, so as to facilitate their full integration into the Multilateral Trading System in a fair and equitable manner. In this regard, ICDT and IDB Department of Strategy and Cooperation organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Economy of the State of the United Arab Emirates a Workshop on Post-WTO Eleventh Ministerial Conference (MC11) for the OIC Member States in Dubai on November 19th -20th 2018.

This Workshop is organized to discuss important topics including the state of play of WTO negotiations, the Ministerial Decisions by MC11, the Status of OIC Member States' accession to WTO and future OIC Coordination for WTO issues and to share views of the OIC Countries's Representatives in the OIC priorities of negotiations within WTO and issues to be discussed for the upcoming Ministerial Conference.

The following Member countries participated in this Workshop: Egypt, Oman, Suriname, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Palestine, Sudan, Malaysia, Pakistan and United Arab Emirates.

ICDT, IDB, South Centre and Third World Network experts also attended the workshop.

9. Workshop on Post-WTO Eleventh Ministerial Conference (MC11) for the OIC African Member States, Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco, June 26th 27th 2019:

Within the framework of the implementation of the Resolution of Thirty-Third Session of the Standing Committee on Commercial and Economic Cooperation among OIC Countries (COMCEC), held during the period November 20th 23th 2017 in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, which has called upon the IsDB and ICDT to continue providing technical assistance to the OIC Member States on WTO related issues and to enhance their efforts in sensitizing the Member States to the impact of WTO trade negotiations on their economies. ICDT and IsDB Country Strategy and Cooperation organized in collaboration with the Secretary of State in Charge of Foreign Trade of the Kingdom of Morocco on Post-WTO Eleventh Ministerial Conference (MC11) for the OIC African Member States in Casablanca on June 26th 27th 2019.

This Workshop is organized to discuss important topics including the state of play of WTO negotiations, the Ministerial Decisions by MC11, WTO reforms, the Status of OIC Member States' accession to WTO and future OIC Coordination for WTO issues and to share views of the OIC Countries Representatives in the OIC priorities of negotiations within WTO and to

tackle MC12 issues to be held in Nur-Sultan, Republic of Kazakhstan on 8-11 June 2020.

The following countries participated in this Workshop: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda and Morocco.

10. Workshop on “Current WTO Negotiations for the OIC Member States Embassies in Geneva”, Geneva, Switzerland, November 14th-15th 2019

The Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT), the Country Strategy and Cooperation Department of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) organized in collaboration of the Permanent Mission of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva a Workshop on “Current WTO Negotiations for the OIC Member States Embassies in Geneva”, Geneva, Switzerland, November 14th-15th 2019.

The objectives of this workshop were to discuss important topics including current negotiations and their impact on OIC Member Countries trade on some important issues such as Agriculture, Fisheries subsidies, Electronic Commerce, Trade in Services, Investment Facilitation for Development, Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Trade & Women’s Economic Empowerment, WTO Reform and Coordination for WTO Issue. This event contributed to provide greater awareness to the OIC Permanent Missions participants on recent developments on WTO Negotiations in order to prepare them to raise issues for their delegations to the upcoming Ministerial Conference (MC12) to be held in Nur-Sultan, Republic of Kazakhstan on June 8th-11th 2020. More than 20 Countries and 8 Regional and International Organizations participated in this event.

11. Workshop on Trade in Services Negotiations Techniques in the OIC Member Countries, Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco, February 12th- 13th 2020

Within the framework of the technical assistance in the field of WTO issues for the benefit of OIC Countries, the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) and the Country Strategy and Cooperation Department of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Industry, Trade, Green and Digital Economy of the Kingdom of Morocco a Workshop on “Trade in Services Negotiations techniques in the OIC Member Countries” on February 12th- 13th 2020 in Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco.

The objective of the workshop is to build capacity of OIC Member States’ to negotiate in the field of Trade in Services and to increase their capacity to promote trade in services at the OIC level, thus boosting intra-OIC trade and assisting OIC Member States to achieve the objectives of the OIC Ten-Year Plan 2016-2025, namely 25% of the share of intra-OIC trade by 2025.

He following countries took part in the seminar: Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, Gabon, Guinea, Mauritania, Morocco, Nigeria, Oman, Senegal, Sudan and Turkey.

Experts from the following regional and international organizations also participated in this workshop namely: The Country Strategy and Cooperation Department of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT), The Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC),

the World Trade Organization (WTO), the United Nations Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the International Trade Centre (IT C), the League of Arab States (LAS), the South Centre, the Third World Network and the Association of African Trade Promotion Organizations (AATPO).

C. Other Seminars, Workshops and Webinars

1. 7th Regional Online Marketing Workshop of the Foundation of the World Islamic Economic Forum, Abidjan – Côte d'Ivoire, April 15th-18th 2019:

As part of the cooperation with Malaysia and the World Islamic Foundation (WIEF), the Islamic Centre for the Development of Trade (ICDT) and the Foundation of the World Economic Forum in collaboration with the State Secretariat for the Promotion of SMEs from Côte d'Ivoire organized the 7th Regional Online Marketing Workshop from April 15 to 18, 2019 in Abidjan.

This regional meeting brought together 32 businesswomen in UEMOA and CEMAC Member States, two of which in Mauritania aimed first at assisting women entrepreneurs in the design of their projects websites and the marketing of their products and services online and secondly to provide them with the necessary techniques and tools to familiarize them with marketing strategies.

2. Seminar on the Review of Economic & Commercial Common Action of the OIC, Rabat, Morocco, December 12th 2019,

Within the framework of celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) organized a “Seminar on the Review of the Economic and Commercial Common Action of the OIC”, in Rabat on December 12th 2019.

The axes of this seminar focused on the Current State & Prospects of Intra-OIC Trade, Trade Finance and Investments guarantee, Intra-OIC Investment Flows, Role of Private Sector Institutions in boosting business relations among the OIC Member States, Facilitation of Trade and State of Logistics and Transportation.

This meeting, moderated by executives and experts from several institutions, was an opportunity to discuss the role of private sector institutions in boosting business relations between OIC member states as well as facilitating trade and the state of logistics and transport between the OIC Member States.

Also took part in this meeting more than 50 representatives of the Embassies of the OIC Member States accredited to Morocco, representatives of the Ministries and Agencies of the Kingdom, as well as those of International and Regional Organizations and Professional and Employer Associations. At the end of the event, tokens were distributed to keynote speakers.

3. Webinar on the Impact of COVID-19 on Trade Promotion Strategies in Facilitating Intra-OIC, on June 29th 2020, via Zoom platform.

Following the recommendations of the OIC General Secretariat to its institutions on assisting and supporting OIC Member States in mitigating the effects of the COVID-19 health crisis, the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) in collaboration with Trade Promotion

Organs (TPOs) such as Senegal Export, Tunisia Export, the Malaysian Trade Promotion Agency (MATRADE), and the private sector namely the Moroccan Association of Exporters (ASMEX) and the BAIG Group of Pakistan, organized a webinar on the impact of COVID-19 on trade promotion strategies in facilitating intra-OIC, on June 29th 2020, via Zoom platform.

The objective of this webinar was to exchange experiences in promoting trade and investment in the OIC Member Countries, to identify the challenges ahead and to propose responses to strengthen intra-OIC trade flows and investment and between OIC Member Countries and the rest of the world.

More than 70 participants took part in this webinar from the Ministries of Commerce, Industry, Tourism, as well as representatives of Embassies, Trade and Investment Promotion Organs, academics and consultants, in addition to the OIC Institutions and regional and international organizations and the private sector.

After the welcoming remarks by Mrs. Latifa Elbouabdellaoui, Director General of the ICDT, the panelists, namely Dr Malick Diop, Managing Director of Senegal Export, Mr. Mohamed Ikbal Khaldi, Director at Tunisia Export and Mr. Mansor Shah Wahid, Director at MATRADE Malaysia, presented the impact of COVID-19 on national exports and GDP and the measures taken by their respective States and Institutions in mitigating effects of the health crisis on national economies.

4. Webinar on the Impact of COVID-19 on Trade Financing and the Development of Strategies for Strengthening Intra-OIC Trade and Investment, July 1st 2020, via the Zoom platform.

Following the recommendations of the OIC General Secretariat to its institutions on assisting and supporting OIC Member States in mitigating the effects of the COVID-19 health crisis, the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) in collaboration with the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC), the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA), the African Export-Import Bank (AFREXIMBANK) and the West African Development Bank (BOAD), organized a webinar on the Impact of COVID-19 on Trade Financing and the Development of Strategies for Strengthening intra-OIC Trade and Investment, on July 1st 2020, via the Zoom platform.

The objective of this webinar is to share the experiences of ITFC, BADEA, AFREXIMBANK and BOAD in trade financing among the OIC Member States and the emergency plans initiated by these Institutions during the pandemic and post-COVID-19 programs for the benefit of companies, particularly SMEs in the area.

These programs focused on the assistance in the supply and production of medical, personal protection and food products in the affected countries.

More than 120 participants took part in this webinar from the Ministries of Finance, Commerce, Industry, Tourism, as well as representatives of financial institutions, Embassies, Chambers of Commerce, Trade and Investment Promotion Organs, academics and consultants, in addition to the OIC Institutions and regional and international organizations and the private sector.

After the welcoming remarks by Mrs. Latifa Elbouabdellaoui, Director General of the ICDT,

the panelists, namely Eng. Hani Sonbol, Chief Executive Officer of ITFC, Dr. Sidi Ould Tah, Director General of BADEA, Dr. Amr Kamel, Vice-president of AFREXIMBANK and Mr Moustapha Ben Barka, Vice-President of BOAD, presented their institutions, the impact of COVID-19 on trade finance, emergency programs developed during the pandemic and the planned activities post-COVID-19 in the Arab and African zone.

5. Webinar on the Impact of COVID-19 on the Standardization and Certification of Medical, Protective and Food Products in the OIC Member States, on July 2nd 2020 via Zoom platform.

Standardization and certification of products and services play a very important and vital role for consumers, particularly in the fields of safety, environment, industry, quality, manufacturing standards, but also in compliance with their national, regional and international marketing processes.

The advent of COVID-19 has allowed states to focus on revising and applying these standards to save human lives, particularly those relating to medical, protective and Agri-food products.

Within this framework, the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) and The Standards and Metrology Institute for the Islamic Countries (SMIIC) in collaboration with The Department of Standards Malaysia (DSM), the National Institute of Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI), the Turkish Standards Institution (TSE), Dinar Standard (United Arab Emirates) and the Moroccan Institute of Standardization (IMANOR) organized a Webinar on the Impact of COVID-19 on the Standardization and Certification of Medical, Protective and Food Products in the OIC Member States on July 2nd 2020 via Zoom platform.

The objective of this webinar is to highlight the importance of standardization, certification and control of products and services in boosting trade of products which comply with all recognized standards of safety, the environment and international quality but also to share the experiences of the Standardization Institutes of the OIC Member States in the protection of populations during the COVID-19 pandemic, in particular the wearing of masks, gloves but also the use of hydroalcoholic gel.

More than 100 participants took part in this webinar from the Ministries of Commerce, Industry, Standardization and certification institutes, as well as representatives of Embassies, Trade and Investment Promotion Organs, academics and consultants, in addition to the OIC Institutions and regional and international organizations and the private sector.

After the welcoming remarks by Mrs. Latifa Elbouabdellaoui, Director General of the ICDT, the panelists, namely Mr. Ihsan Ovüt, Secretary General of The Standards and Metrology Institute for the Islamic Countries (SMIIC), Mr. Hussalmizzar Hussain, Senior Director of the Standardization Division at The Department of Standards Malaysia (DSM), Mr. Chahir Jhene, Head of Certification Services at the National Institute of Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI), Mr. Ilhami Akturk, Deputy Secretary General of the Turkish Standards Institution (TSE) and Mr. Abderrahim Taibi, Director of the Moroccan Institute for Standardization (IMANOR) presented the role of standardization and certification of products and services and its impact in the development of intra-OIC trade in the current context of COVID-19.

6. Webinar on the Repercussions of the Digitization of Trade Procedures in the Facilitation of Intra-OIC Trade with a view to Mitigating the Post COVID-19 Effects, July 6th 2020 via Zoom platform.

The advent of COVID-19 has contributed to the expansion of electronic commerce, electronic data interchange and teleworking services. It was followed by a digitizing of several customs services, government services, banking, insurance and other international commercial transactions to avoid the spread of the virus and to comply with social distancing measures. Accordingly, most national and regional Single Windows have improved their online services to cope with the drop or even the net halt in the services of national economic operators and international partners.

In the framework of the implementation of the recommendations of the OIC General Secretariat relating to the OIC Single Window Initiative and the support of OIC Institutions and Member States to limit the negative effects of COVID-19, the Islamic Center for the Development of Trade (ICDT) in collaboration with the World Customs Organization (WCO), PortNet Morocco, Gaiende2000 Senegal, the Mozambique Trade Net and the Oman Customs, organized a webinar on the repercussions of the digitization of trade procedures in the facilitation of Intra-OIC trade with a view to mitigating the post COVID-19 effects, on July 6th 2020 via Zoom platform.

The objective of this webinar is to highlight the importance of the digitization of foreign trade services in the development of intra-OIC trade, its contribution during the pandemic and the prospects for the development of digitization in the OIC Member Countries, as well as examining ways and means to improve the services of Commercial Single Windows. This event was an opportunity for the ICDT to activate the OIC Single Window Initiative which will be an interoperability platform of National Single Windows (NSW) in order to facilitate the exchange of digital data of foreign trade stakeholders from Member States in collaboration with partners such as the WCO and the NSWs.

More than 90 participants took part in this webinar from the Ministries of Commerce, Industry and Tourism, Custom Administrations, National Single Windows, as well as representatives of Embassies, Trade and Investment Promotion Organs, academics and consultants, in addition to the OIC Institutions and regional and international organizations and the private sector.

After the welcoming remarks by Mrs. Latifa Elbouabdellaoui, Director General of the ICDT, the panelists, namely: Mr. Kuno Mikuriya, Secretary General of the WCO, Mr. Jalal Benhayoun, General Manager of PortNet Morocco, Mr. Ibrahima Nour Eddine Diagne, Managing Director of Gaiende 2000 Senegal, Mr. Guilherme Mambo, General Manager of Mozambique Trade Net and Lieutenant Colonel Mansour Nasser Alrahbi, Manager of Bayan System of Oman Customs, explained the importance of the digitalization of foreign trade services and procedures and its role in the facilitation of trade and the accompaniment of economic operators in the processing of their domestic and international commercial operations.

7. Webinar on the Impact of COVID-19 on the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit to Strengthen Intra-OIC Trade and Investment and with the rest of the world, on July 13th 2020 via Zoom platform.

Insurance and export credit play a crucial role in covering risks related to national and international commercial transactions. Within this context, the Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (ICIEC) and National Export Credit Agencies (ECAs) deployed tremendous efforts in securing foreign trade transactions of economic operators of the OIC Member States and towards their international partners.

In this regard, the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) and the ICIEC organized in collaboration with the United Insurance Company (Sudan) Ltd., the Export Credit Bank of Turkey (TÜRK EXIMBANK), the Export Credit Guarantee Agency of Oman (Credit Oman) and SMAEX (Morocco), a webinar on the Impact of COVID-19 on the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit to Strengthen Intra-OIC Trade and Investment and with the rest of the world on July 13th 2020 via Zoom platform. The webinar was moderated by Mr. Massimo Falcioni, Chief Executive Officer of Etihad Credit Insurance (ECI), United Arab Emirates.

The objective of this webinar is to highlight the importance of the investment insurance and export credit sector in the coverage of risk at the level of countries, local companies and international trading partners.

Over 200 participants took part in this webinar from the Ministries of Finance, Trade, Industry, Tourism, as well as Financial Institution, such as Banks and Insurance Companies, Embassies, Trade and Investment Promotion Organs, Academics, Consultants, Representatives of OIC Institutions and Regional and International Organizations and Representatives for the Private Sector.

After the welcoming remarks by Mrs. Latifa Elbouabdellaoui, Director General of the ICDT, the panelists, namely: Dr. Oussama Abdel-Rahman Kaissi, Chief Executive Officer of ICIEC, Mr. Enis Gültekin, Deputy General Manager of the Export Credit Bank of Turkey (Türk Eximbank), Mr. Sheikh Khalil Al-Harthy, Chief Executive Officer of the Export Credit Guarantee Agency of Oman (Credit Oman) and Mr. Tarig Khalil Osman, Chairman of the United Insurance Company (Sudan) Ltd. , presented their respective Institutions' services and highlighted their strategic roles in the investment and export credit insurance among the OIC Member States.

8. Webinar on the Impact of COVID-19 on Regional Integration of Intra-OIC Trade and Investment, on July 23rd 2020 via zoom platform.

The COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted global value chains, contributing to the depletion of State budget plans, and the reduction of the organization of bilateral, regional and multilateral meetings relating to intergovernmental and private trade and investment negotiations.

States have been led to rethink their system of administration of cooperation agreements, national production, export and attraction strategies of foreign investors.

Consequently, several countries have chosen to regulate their national and regional production and consumption value chains, to cope with the current pandemic and to develop

their resilience to better face possible crises in the future.

Thus, the General Secretariats of the Regional Economic Groupings (REGs) of the OIC countries in collaboration with their Governments, Institutions and Partners must initiate economic recovery strategies in order to invest in regional production plans to meet local demands depending on the resources of each State.

Under the auspices of the Economic Affairs Department of the OIC General Secretariat, the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) in collaboration with the Country-Strategy and Cooperation Department of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the League of Arab States (LAS) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA) organized a Webinar on the Impact of COVID-19 on Regional Integration of Intra-OIC Trade and Investment on July 23rd 2020 via zoom platform.

This webinar was moderated by Mr. Khaireddine Ramoul, Senior Executive at UNCTAD.

The objective of this webinar was to discuss the experiences of Regional Economic Groupings (REGs) on regional integration and the strategies developed to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on national economies, particularly regional value chains in collaboration with local and regional development partners.

The webinar highlighted the barriers to the development of regional trade and investment flows and of proposing concrete activities emanating from these institutions in collaboration with the private sector of the OIC Member States.

Over 80 participants took part in this webinar from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Finance, Trade, Industry, Tourism, as well as Financial Institution, such as Banks and Insurance Companies, Embassies, Trade and Investment Promotion Organs, Academics, Consultants, Representatives of OIC Institutions and Regional and International Organizations and Representatives for the Private Sector.

After the welcoming remarks by Mrs. Latifa Elbouabdellaoui, Director General of the ICDT, the panelists, namely: H.E Amb. Ahmed Ssenyomo, Assistant Secretary General for Economic Affairs of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), H.E. Dr. Mansur Muhtar, Vice-President, Country-Programs of the Islamic Development Bank Group (IsDB), H.E. Amb. Dr. Kamal Hassan Ali, Assistant Secretary General for Economic Affairs of League of Arab States (LAS), H.E Dr. Rola Dashti, Executive Secretary of UNESCWA and Mr. Téi Konzi, Commissioner for Trade, Customs and Free Movement within ECOWAS, presented their respective institutions and highlighted their strategic roles in regional integration and the strategies developed to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on national economies and in particular on regional value chains and activities scheduled post-COVID.

IV- HALAL SECTOR DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING TOURISM:

- ICDT organized in cooperation with SMIIC the “5th OIC Halal Expo” in Istanbul on **November 23th- 25th 2017**. This Exhibition, gathered the players of the Halal industry in quest of business and partnership opportunities in the OIC Member States and represented an opportunity for companies and actors in the Halal industry to promote their products and services and increase investment in this sector. The Exhibition lasted for 3 days and

was opened to the public and professionals and recorded the participation of 12 OIC Member States as well as other non-OIC Member Countries (Austria, Ghana, USA, Australia, Italy, Japan, Germany,) over an area of 2000sqm. Institutions operating in the field of Halal product standards also took part in this Exhibition. Events were organized on the side lines of this Fair, several thematic conferences, in particular on the health benefits of the HALAL Industry and reviewed various certification and accreditation systems with a view to accelerating the mutual recognition of Halal certificates between the OIC Member States.

- The ICDT and the Standards and Metrology Institute for the Islamic Countries (SMIIC) organized and in collaboration with the Turkish company “Discover Events”, **the 6th OIC Halal Exhibition from November 29th to December 2nd 2018** at Eurasia Performing Arts Center in Istanbul – Republic of Turkey, concomitantly with the World Halal Summit 2018.

This Exhibition, was dedicated to halal trade, halal standards, production and logistics and was an excellent opportunity for the actors of the halal industry to promote their products and services and to develop trade and investment.

SMIIC and Discover Events organized on the sidelines of this Fair, following thematic conferences: Standardization and related issues for Halal Quality Infrastructure; Accreditation and Certification in Halal Industry; Halal Food; Meat and Slaughtering studies; Halal Pharmaceuticals; Laboratories and Halal Authentication; Halal Supply Chain, Halal Animal Feed and Halal Leather Products; Halal Tourism; Halal Finance; Halal Awareness; Halal Lifestyle.

Numerous institutions operating in the field of Halal Product Standards and Products and Services attended the Expo and Forum. They stressed the importance of Halal Sector in Muslim World particularly in Muslim Minorities in some countries to allow them to be supplied by Halal products in collaboration with OIC advanced countries in Halal Industry, OIC Institutions and Local Government in terms of capacity building program, line of financing Halal Sector Development and Promotion for sustainable growth.

Other B2B meetings were organized between participants in order to allow them to make some orders in Halal Industry Development in OIC and Non OIC Member Countries.

- **5th Halal Forum of Morocco**, Casablanca, March 14th 2019:

The Islamic Centre for Development of Trade co-organized with the Moroccan Institute of Standardization (IMANOR) the 5th Edition of the Halal Forum of Morocco in Casablanca on March 14th 2019 under the theme "Halal ecosystem to improve the competitiveness of Moroccan companies on the Halal World Market".

More than 200 participants attended this forum from the public and private sectors, regional and international organizations of which SMIIC as well as academics and consultants.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed between IMANOR, ASMEX and Instituto Halal de Cordoba to strengthen cooperation in the field of Halal industry.

The representative of ICDT made a presentation on the realities and trends of the Global Halal Market and the opportunities.

The main recommendations are to strengthen PPP collaboration in the Halal field in Morocco and support funding to expand the IMANOR certification and establish mutual recognition agreements for the standardization of Moroccan Halal products with potential partner countries in Europe, Asia, Middle East and Africa.

ICDT planned to organise the 5th OIC Halal Expo in Dakar.

▪ *Tourisme sector:*

- Upon the request of its Board of Directors and the OIC General Secretariat, ICDT has conducted a Study on “Muslim Friendly Tourism branding in the Global Market”. The Study focuses on the concept of MFT and its various components and reflects best practices in order to constitute a reference document for OIC policy makers wishing to tap into opportunities offered by Muslim Friendly Tourism. A first presentation of this Study was made by ICDT during the “Seminar on the Future Development of Tourism in the City of Konya” co-organized with SESRIC in November 2016 and a second was made during the 10th session of the Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers held on February 5th-7th 2018 in Dhaka, People’s Republic of Bangladesh. On this occasion, OIC Tourism Ministers endorsed the findings contained in the Study and requested the OIC General Secretariat to submit a relevant implementation plan in coordination with Member States, all relevant OIC Institutions and other stakeholders. ICDT also shared the results of the Study during the Training program on “Improving Islamic Tourism Ecosystem in OIC Member Countries: Destination & Industry Development” organised by SESRIC on July 9th-12th 2018 in Malatya, Turkey.
- **“Sustainable Tourism Development in a Network of Cross-Border Parks and Protected Areas in West Africa”**. In compliance with the instructions of the OIC General Secretariat, ICDT ensures since 2006 the follow up of the implementation of the Regional project on “Sustainable Tourism Development in a Network of Cross-Border Parks and Protected Areas in West Africa”. This project includes ten OIC member countries also members of the UNWTO: Benin, Burkina Faso, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Sierra Leone. The aim of the project is to commercialize the following West African Parcs and Protected Areas: Djoudj - Diawling (Senegal / Mauritania); Niokolo Koba - Badiar (Senegal / Guinea); Gambia River Basin - Kayanga - Geba - Koliba - Corubal (Gambia / Guinea Bissau/Senegal); Rios Kogon - Korubal - Nunez (Guinea Bissau / Guinea); Pinselli - Outamba - Kilimi (Sierra Leone / Guinea); Bafing - Faleme (Mali / Guinea); W (Benin / Bukina Faso / Niger). The feasibility study of the project conducted by the French Consulting Agency “Sécheresse Consultant” thanks to the financial assistance of the KOICA was adopted during the Steering Committee Meeting held at UNWTO Headquarters in Madrid in December 2009. This was followed by the holding of a Donors Conference in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, in May 2011. However, the Project did not receive any funding commitment from financial Institutions and development Agencies just general pledges. Since then, stakeholders have held several steering committee meetings and promotion events, notably on the occasion of OIC Tourism Conferences and touristic events. In February 2016, ICDT and SESRIC organized in Casablanca a Steering Committee meeting as well as a Workshop on Setting up Tourism projects. In addition, ICDT seized the opportunity of its participation in the South-South Expo held in Dubai in

October 2016 and at the COP 22 held in Marrakech in November 2016 to promote the Project and raise awareness among financial institutions. In June 2017, the Regional Coordinator of the Project, ensured by the Republic of Guinea, informed ICDT that the Project has just been registered among the most important government projects of the Investment National Plan of the Republic of Guinea. It should be noted that upon the request of HE the Minister of Tourism of Guinea, HE the Ambassador of Guinea in Morocco paid a visit to ICDT Director General to discuss ways and means to accelerate the implementation of the Project. On this occasion, both parties recommended among others to invite member countries to explore the bilateral approach in parallel with the multilateral route to facilitate the search for funding for their national segments of the Project before the holding of the forthcoming Donors Conference. Besides, ICDT will organize with SESRIC during the first week of October 2019 in Ankara (Turkey) a Workshop for Managers of Parks and Protected Areas in West Africa.

ICDT will continue to work with its various partners, to support this project which aims to promote ecotourism in West Africa, ensure protection and conservation of local species and alleviate poverty in OIC West African countries.

- **Training Workshop on Family Tourism (MFT) Development, Paramaribo, Suriname, July 15th-17th 2019:**

As part of the implementation of the project financed by the COMCEC and the Turkish Development and Investment Bank, ICDT organized a training workshop on the development of family tourism (MFT?) for the benefit of Suriname and Guyana, in Paramaribo from July 15th to 17th, 2019.

The objective of this workshop was to improve the capacity building of Suriname and Guyana in the field of Family Tourism in order to increase tourism receipts and arrivals in these countries from OIC Member States.

More than 60 people (countries) participated in this workshop from Suriname and Guyana and National and International Experts.

- **Workshop for the benefit of the Managers of West African Cross-border Parks and Protected Areas, Ankara, Turkey, 5-7 November 2019:**

ICDT and the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) held a Training Workshop for the Managers of West African Cross-Border Parks and Protected Areas from November 5th to 7th 2019 in Ankara, Turkey. Experts from SESRIC, ICDT, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Turkey, and countries representatives from Burkina Faso, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mali and Morocco attended the workshop.

The Workshop, which was organized for the benefit of Member Countries of the “Regional Project on Sustainable Tourism Development in a Network of Cross-Border Parks and Protected Areas in West Africa”, aimed at reinforcing the capacities of the Managers of the West African cross-border parks and protected areas and at sensitizing them on the importance of protecting local animals and preserving natural resources.

HE Mohamed Sanoussy CISSE, National Director of Hotels and Tourism of Guinea chaired

the meeting along with Mr. Mehmet Fatih SERENLI from SESRIC and Mrs. Kadiatou DIALLO from ICDT.

On this occasion, participants were introduced to the management tools relating to parks and protected areas. They also held working group sessions, discussed the current management of West African parks and protected areas and exchanged best practices in this domain.

At the end of the Workshop, participants stressed the urgent need to update the Study of the Project in order to assess the real financial needs for the protection of the environment and animals and the setting up of an equipment of signage for all parks and protected areas concerned by the Project. They also expressed the need to benefit from capacity building programs to improve their skills in the domain of parks and protected areas' management. The 3rd day of the training was dedicated to the visit of the Soğuksu National Park located in Kızılcahamam, Province of Ankara.

V- TRADE FACILITATION & SINGLE WINDOW:

- ICDT has collaborated with IDB Cooperation and Integration Department and the United Arab Emirates in organizing a workshop on “Trade Facilitation and Single Window in OIC Member States” on April 16th – 18th 2017 in Dubai, UAE.
- ICDT has already prepared Guidelines to facilitate setting up Single Windows in OIC member states. The first draft was presented to Arab countries in Dubai workshop mentioned above. In the same vein, ICDT will organise in 2018 Casablanca and in Turkey two additional workshops for the benefit of the French and English-speaking countries.
- ICDT organised with Morocco Portnet in the Third National Forum for Single Windows under the theme “Virtual Single Windows: Challenges and Opportunities for **Competitiveness of Economic Operators**” on **December 12th 2017 in Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco.**
- Within the framework of its collaboration with PORTNET S.A, the ICDT has actively participated in the 4th edition of the Annual Conference of Single Window PortNet. Organized at the joint initiative of the National Ports Agency (ANP) and PORTNET SA, under the aegis of the Ministry of Equipment, Transport, Logistics and Water and in partnership with the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) and the International Port Community Systems Association (IPCSA), the conference was held on November 12th and 13th 2018 at the Grand Mogador City Center, in Casablanca, under the theme: “**The Single Window: Public and Private Community Intelligence serving your integrated, efficient and innovative supply chain**”.
- **Other Trade facilitation projects of ICDT**

OIC TRADE MAP:

Within the framework of its collaboration with the International Trade Center (ITC-Geneva) the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade, a subsidiary organ of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, seeks to among its objectives, the collection and the dissemination of trade information and the development of the Trade Information Network for Islamic Countries (TINIC), the OIC trade Centre has launched since December 2016 the *OIC Trade Embedded Map*, which is tailored Trade Map for the 57 OIC Member

Countries.

OIC Trade Embedded Map provides trade flow information in a user friendly and easily accessible format. TINIC's users can access now to OIC unique largest trade databases containing indicators on national export performance, international demand, alternative markets and the role of competitors from both the product and country perspectives.

This newly launched database will also assist enterprises & business community answer questions about international trade and hereby facilitate strategic market research.

TINIC users can quickly and easily:

- **Analyze current export performance:** examine the performance and dynamics of an OIC country's export markets for any OIC product/service; identify the number and size of export markets and the concentration of exports; highlight countries where market share has increased.
- **Identify promising export markets:** view the world's major importing countries for a specific product, with indicators illustrating the concentration and growth rate of imports in each market.
- **Assess the level of competition in OIC markets:** competing countries, exporting the same product, are ranked in terms of value of exports, and availability of additional indicators on quantities, growth and market share.
- **Assess the level of competition in a specific OIC export market:** view a country's competitors in any target market, with information on the export performance of each competitor, the number of supplying countries and their performance in the market.
- **Find information on the average tariffs applied by countries to the import of a specific product from specific partner countries:** a first overview on market access conditions is directly available in Trade Map; further and more detailed information is available by following a direct link to Market Access Map. Market Access Map provides tariff-line market access information such as ad valorem equivalents and specific tariffs as well as tariff-rate quotas, MFN and preferential tariffs applied under bilateral and regional trade agreements.
- **View trade data at the national tariff line level:** trade flows are detailed at the NTL level for around 10,000 products and more than 150 countries, covering more than 90% of world trade; trade in services data is also available under the Balance of Payments nomenclature
- **Identify new supplying markets:** countries exporting a product both to the world and to a specific market are ranked against one another thus allowing direct comparisons of current and potential national suppliers.
- **Review opportunities for diversification in a specific market by comparing the demand for a set of similar or related products/services** in the market under review.
- **Assess national trade performance:** make an overall evaluation of national trade performance and identify sectors and products/services in terms of their potential for investment and trade promotion.

- **Identify existing and potential bilateral trade with any partner country or region:** bilateral trade opportunities can be identified by comparing the actual bilateral trade, the partner countries' demand of a specific product/service in terms of imports and the global export capacity of the home country.
- **Access trade data as recent as the previous quarter in the same year:** users can analyze long time series on a monthly or quarterly basis to see seasonality and better understand the impact of a historical event on trade dynamics.
- **Identify companies exporting, importing or distributing a specific product in a number of markets.**

Tariff information at the 6-digit level allows the exporter to get a quick overview of the average level of protection applied to a group of products in order to quickly screen and rank markets.

In OIC Trade Embedded Map, the exporter of a product who wants to target any OIC Member Country market is also able to find information on companies importing or distributing the said product in case of availability of data.

OIC Trade Embedded Map provides the location, contact details, turnover, number of employees and the Website address of a selection of companies exporting, importing, distributing, producing or supplying specific products or services in a country of interest. The company information in OIC Trade Embedded Map is based on a selection of companies that cannot be considered neither exhaustive nor including the major exporting/importing/distributing companies worldwide. As of September 2014, the source of company information in Trade Map is Kompas International, a company specializing in the provision of business information.

OIC TRADE HELPDESK:

Within the framework of its collaboration with the International Trade Center (ITC-Geneva) the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade, a subsidiary organ of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, seeks to complement and enrich the current commercial information services provided by ICDT by improving access to trade and market intelligence which is critical to export success. Since, micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) often lack the resources and skills to acquire and process trade-related information, which places them at a disadvantage and prevents them from exploring trade opportunities. ICDT will provide Member Countries reliable data for economic operators, institutions and policy makers to make better informed trade decisions. To address this challenge, an online Global Trade Helpdesk will be developed to **improve the quality and transparency of trade-related information, strengthen public-private dialogue and transform this data into intelligence.**

ONLINE MARKETING AND E-COMMERCE PROMOTION WOKSHOP:

- ICDT has initiated an Online Marketing Workshop to help women entrepreneur from OIC Member Countries to capitalise on the technology and harness it power for their business by adopting effective structure online. It was organised in Senegal in 2016 and Guinea in 2017. Its 4-day workshop will help participants improve their ability to generate excellent

content to attract target and potential customers, study the trends in the digital marketing world and understand factors that impact their marketing activities and optimise their digital marketing strategies for maximum effectiveness and growth. From the Online Workshop, the participants will walk away with plenty of hands-on experience in content creation. This includes email and social media, campaign analysis on the latest online trends and optimisation across various channels. The State of Kuwait, the People's Republic of Bangladesh are the next Member Countries to host this workshop by the end of 2018 early 2019.

- From February 19th till 21st 2018, ICDT trained Gabonese and businesswoman from Côte d'Ivoire to empower women.
- ICDT organise the 7th Online web marketing for women entrepreneurs in Abidjan; Cote d'Ivoire on April 15th-18th 2019 for the benefit women from Cote d'Ivoire and Mauritania
- In 2019, economic operators of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and ASEAN countries will benefit also of this programme.

VI- DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIC COMMODITIES:

- ICDT and ITFC organized, in collaboration with the Ministry of Commerce and Handicraft and the promotion of SMEs and the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene in Côte d'Ivoire, Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, the **"Buyers-Sellers Meeting on Pharmaceuticals and Related Industries" on November 2nd-3th 2017 in Abidjan**, within the framework of implementing of the Arab African Trade Bridges (AATB) Program, led by ITFC. The objective of this meeting was to energize cooperation and develop trade and investment flows in the pharmaceutical sector and its related products and exchanging experiences between the OIC Member Countries in the Arab and African Regions. 35 companies from Arab countries and around 30 companies from African countries participated in this activity. The participants have expressed their satisfaction with the success of the event with holding more than 400 meeting between the participants, and the number of business results out of these meetings are estimated by the organizers to reach around US\$80 million.
- ICDT organised a workshop on the potential market of pharmaceuticals and medical equipment in the OIC Member States on the sidelines of the **4th OIC Medical Expo to be held in Abidjan**, Cote d'Ivoire in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene on December 7th-9th 2018.
- ICDT and the Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB) organized the MPOB Technical Seminar (MTecS) on Palm Oil in Casablanca on February 7th, 2019 under the theme "Malaysian Palm Oil Benefits on Economy and Health". The objectives of the Seminar were to disseminate information to current and potential palm oil users; increase consumer awareness on the benefits of palm phytonutrients and specially fats for food consumption; strengthen engagements and build up relationships with Moroccan users of oils and fats, especially palm oil; increase in the use and import of Malaysian palm products into Morocco. Palm products are mainly used for cooking oil, margarine, shortening and spread production. Researchers, food & non-food industry members, restaurants & food

providers, policy-makers in government agencies, leaders in SMEs, government linked companies and investors also participated in the seminar.

ICDT and the Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB) plan to organize similar Trade Missions in Senegal and Cote d'Ivoire in upcoming future.

VII-INTRA-OIC INVESTMENT PROMOTION:

ICDT organised on the sidelines of the OIC Trade Fair a Forum of IPAs in Riyad on May 2016 in order to promote intra-OIC investments and to create a regular mechanism for consultation among the investment promotion agencies of the OIC Member States.

ICDT in collaboration with UNCTAD, ICIEC and SESRIC organised in 2016, 2017 and 2018 a workshop on International Investment Agreements for the benefit of representatives of OIC IPAs.

ICDT organised in collaboration with UNCTAD, ICIEC and SESRIC a workshop on Obstacles and Solutions to Investment in Africa in Geneva on October 23rd 2018 on the sidelines of the World Investment Forum 2018.

These Institutions plan to organise a workshop on International Investment Agreements for the benefit of representatives of OIC IPAs in Casablanca on December 18th-20th 2018.

ICDT planned to organise in 2019 a regional Forum on Investment in collaboration with OIC General Secretariat and the Ministry of International Cooperation of Tunisia and IDB Group and other OIC and international Institutions and Business Forum OIC-Azerbaijan in Baku. They were postponed.

CONCLUSION:

Within the framework of the implementation of the OIC-TYPOA 2025, ICDT has organised many events in different fields to enhance intra-OIC Trade and Investment relating to trade promotion such as Fairs, Exhibitions, Forums, B2B Meetings, Trade Missions, Virtual Fair, updated its website and coordinating TISC Meetings in collaboration with OIC Institutions.

Between 2016 and 2019, ICDT held in the field of Trade Promotion: (22) Trade Fairs and Exhibitions, (35) Businessmen Forums & Trade Missions. During the same period, in the area of Multilateral and OIC trade negotiations, ICDT organised (4) Trade Preferential System among OIC Countries (TPS/OIC) in order to speed-up the signatory and ratification of the agreement and its protocols, (7) Assistance of OIC Countries in WTO Matters, (33) Other Seminars, Workshops and Webinars, as well as many activities of the Business Centre for Islamic Countries (BCIC).

The Centre also published some reports and studies (Annual Report on Intra-OIC Trade, WTO issues, Tourism study, impact of TPS/OIC, Halal sector, Impact of Covid-19 on OIC Trade in goods and services, Study on dates, etc...).

ICDT is planning to organise many events relating to Post-COVID impacted sectors such as Medical Products, Agribusiness, IT, Logistics and Transportation, Tourism and other Programs on Regional Integration in collaboration with its Strategic Partners.

ICDT is also seeking sponsors to widen its financial resources with a view to broaden the scope of its activities.