

Report on International Participants Technical Meeting for Thematic District Pavilions

**Dubai, United Arab Emirates
14-16 July 2019**

CONTEXT:

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 20th October 2020 to 10th April 2021, 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.

OBJECTIVES:

The Technical Meeting is a two-day event focused on discussions of all key operational, exhibition and programming aspects including: The progress Expo 2020 Dubai has made since IPM 2018, as well as the progress of on matters related to logistical aspects; Event time operations; National Days; Expo village; Commercial retail operations; Accommodations and accreditation; Culinary Pod Initiative; Content and Programming for Thematic District Pavilions; Exhibition Design etc..

PROCEEDINGS & OIC DELEGATION SIDE-MEETINGS:

Within the framework of the preparations of the participation of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to the World Expo 2020, OIC delegation had several coordination meetings:

Sunday, 14th July 2019:

- OIC delegation paid a visit to Expo 2020 Dubai site:
 - The OIC Delegation was welcomed at the Expo 2020 site for Mockup explanation and Expo Site-Tour specially to inquire about the progress of the work at the OIC Pavilion located at the Mobility Multilateral Building. The OIC delegation noticed with satisfaction that the shell works are 90% complete and all deadlines relating to the progress of the work are being reached.
 - His Excellency the OIC Secretary General is cordially invited by Expo 2020 team to attend the IP Meeting scheduled to be held in Dubai on 11-12 September 2019 to plan for H.E an Expo2020 site tour in order for H.E to be informed of the work progress at the OIC Pavilion level.
- Bilateral meeting:

The "Bureau Expo Dubai 2020" organized a Bilateral Meeting on Programming of the OIC Side-Events & OIC Pavilion Content Curation with the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade as the OIC focal point in charge of coordinating the preparations of the participation of the OIC in the Expo Dubai 2020, at Address Dubai Marina on 14th July 2019.

The meeting took stock of the progress of the OIC participation to Expo 2020 in its different tracks: The Pavilion and Side-events especially the OIC Day scheduled on 2nd of November 2020.

The participants noticed that the preparations of the OIC are very smooth and advanced in comparison with other International Participants since the concept design of the pavilion was adopted and the “curation document” is nearly finished after the last intensive meetings held on bilateral level in Dubai on 14, 15 and 16 July 2019.

Dr. HZAINIE El Hassane, Director General of ICDT and Mr Saad MARCIL, in Charge of Trade Information (ICDT) and Bureau of Dubai Expo Representatives under the guidance of Mrs. Hind Al-OWAIS, Vice-President of International Participants in presence of Mr. Ragy SARO, Focal Point of OIC Participation and Nesrine HALIMA, Director of International Participants agreed on the following:

- To convene a Bilateral Meeting between (OIC six theme leaders, UAE, The Dubai Islamic Economy Development Centre (DIEDC)) on 11-12 September 2019 in Dubai, as a follow up of the (Intra-OIC) 4th Coordination Meeting on Expo Dubai 2020 to be held on 9-10 September 2019 in IRCICA HQ, Istanbul, Republic of Turkey.
- Invitation letters to the Dubai meeting will be sent jointly by ICDT and Expo2020.
- The 4th Intra-Coordination Meeting on Expo Dubai 2020 to be held in IRCICA HQ, Istanbul Republic of Turkey, 9-10 September will focus on the OIC contribution to the International Days /thematic weeks and UAE strategic Initiatives (youth, women, cities, humanitarian issues etc..).
- To communicate as soon as possible the potential contribution of the OIC to the International Days (United Nations Days, Cities Day, Tolerance Day, Children’s Day, Disability Day, Volunteer Day, Human Rights Day, Arabic Language Day, Education day, Wildlife Day, Women’s Day, Happiness Day – Water Day, Health Day) and UAE initiatives such as:
 - ✓ To convene an OIC Ministerial Special Panel at the Majlis,
 - ✓ OIC Participation in the Summit on Tolerance organized by the UAE,
 - ✓ The Celebration of the OIC day on 2nd November 2020;
 - ✓ Honoring outstanding Volunteers of the OIC pavilion (Ceremony Awards),
- To take stock with OIC Institution theme Leaders on their contribution to the content of the OIC Pavilion such as:
 - ✓ To send the checklist including the list of exhibits before the end of July 2019;
 - ✓ To send the soft-exhibits (Video, photos etc..) before the end of August 2019,
 - ✓ The Expo Dubai 2020 authorities will provide to OIC institutions with a 40 feet’s container free of charge to convey the hard exhibits (the meeting point of all exhibits will be defined after consultations).
 - ✓ The fit out of the OIC Pavilion will commence on December 2019.

Monday, 15th July 2019:

OIC delegation attends the IPTM Plenary session from 8am to 7pm held at constellation Ballroom, Dubai Address Marina hotel, devoted to review all aspects related to Expo 2020 assistance package framework notably the thematic district pavilions, insurance in the UAE, arrivals, financial & VAT services, Accommodation at Expo village, accessing the site, getting food into the UAE and onto site, National days and programming, food & beverage, retail, content curation as well as an additional Q & A session.

Tuesday, 16th July 2019:

Dr. Hzaine had a bilateral meeting with Dr. Tarek Olivera Shayya (Expo 2020 Board Director and CEO of International Participants) mainly dedicated to the participation of the OIC through the pavilion and the events scheduled on the side-lines, followed by a series of side-meetings devoted to International Organisations on topics such as International Days, Dubai Exhibition Centre, OIC content curation etc..