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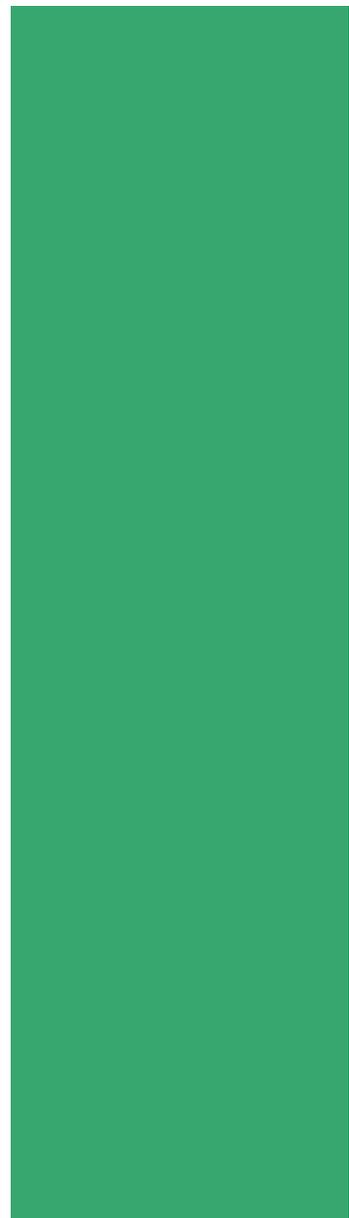


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I. DRAFT AGENDA

**First Meeting of the National Focal Points for OIC Water Vision
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DRAFT AGENDA

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Adoption of the Draft Agenda and Draft Program of Work
3. Status of the implementation of decisions of the Second Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water (Istanbul, March 2012)
4. Reporting on the Implementation Plan of the OIC Water Vision
5. Monitoring and Evaluation of the Implementation Plan of OIC Water Vision:
 - i. Evaluating the effectiveness of the mechanisms and procedures deployed for the implementation of the OIC Water Vision
 - ii. Evaluating the success in mobilization of resources towards the implementation of OIC Water Vision
 - iii. Discussing and agreeing on modalities for the continuous monitoring and measuring of progress towards the implementation of the OIC Water Vision
6. OIC Water Council
7. Water Fund
8. Preparation for Third Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water:
 - i. Draft Agenda; and
 - ii. Draft Programme of Work
9. Any other business
10. Date and venue for the Second Meeting of the National Focal Points
11. Adoption of the Report of the Meeting
12. Closing
13. Field Trip

II. DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK

**First Meeting of the National Focal Points for OIC Water Vision
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DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK

Day 1: Wednesday, 3 June 2015

09:00	Registration
09:30	Recitation of the Holy Qur'an
	Address by representative of the OIC General Secretariat
	Address by representative of the ISESCO
	Address by representative of the Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs of Republic of Turkey
10:00	Adoption of the Draft Agenda and Draft Program of Work
10:30	Coffee Break
11:00	Status of the implementation of decisions of the Second Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water (Istanbul, March 2012)
11:30	Reporting on the Implementation Plan of the OIC Water Vision:
	i. Member States
	ii. OIC institutions – SESRIC, IDB, ISESCO, COMSTECH
13:00	Lunch Break
14:30	Reporting on the Implementation Plan of the OIC Water Vision (contd):
	iii. Member States
	iv. OIC institutions – SESRIC, IDB, ISESCO, COMSTECH
16:00	Coffee Break
16:30	Monitoring and Evaluation of the Implementation Plan of OIC Water Vision:
	i. Evaluating the effectiveness of the mechanisms and procedures deployed for the implementation of the OIC Water Vision
17:30	Summary of the day work

Day 2: Thursday, 4 June 2015

09:00	Monitoring and Evaluation of the Implementation Plan of OIC Water Vision (contd): <ul style="list-style-type: none">ii. Evaluating the success in mobilization of resources towards the implementation of OIC Water;iii. Discussing and agreeing on modalities for the continuous monitoring and measuring of progress towards the implementation of the OIC Water – Preparation of Implementation Plan
10:30	Coffee Break
11:00	Consideration of concept to establish OIC Water Council
12:00	Consideration of concept for creation of Water Fund
13:00	Lunch Break
14:30	Preparation for Third Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water: <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Draft Agenda; andii. Draft Programme of Work
15:30	Any other business
16:00	Date and venue for the Second Meeting of the National Focal Points
16:30	Adoption of the Report of the Meeting.
	Closing

Day 3: Friday, 5 June 2015

09:00	Field Trip
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III. DRAFT CONCEPT PAPER TO PREPARE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR OIC WATER VISION

Draft

Phase-wise Implementation Plan

OIC WATER VISION, 2013 – 2025

Background information:

The OIC Water Vision 2013-2025 was adopted by the 2nd Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water held in Istanbul in March 2012. It is a framework of cooperation among OIC member countries, relevant OIC institutions and international organizations in the water sector to improve availability of water particularly portable water in OIC member countries.

The Conference invited the Member States to promote activities recommended by the OIC Water Vision, including exchange and knowledge sharing; collaborative activities in research, policy and management support amongst OIC knowledge centers on water; capacity building and outreach development; and organization of specialized forums and conferences.

The Member States were called to collaborate with the General Secretariat and relevant OIC institutions to continue their efforts to pursue integrated water resources management based on cooperation and partnerships at all levels, reflecting political commitment and to create wider societal awareness of the need for water security and the sustainable management of water resources.

The Member States were requested to appoint focal points for close collaboration on water issues and recommended to launch national projects and foster partnerships at all levels to strengthen water-related policies and programs that promote rational use of water.

Turkey, Iran, Egypt, Sudan, Albania, Azerbaijan, UEA and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus offered their facilities for capacity building and training of experts from other OIC Member States in various water related disciplines. SESRIC offered to establish a web portal to facilitate matching of needs of Member States with offers in terms of training, capacity-building, exchange of experience, expertise and technical assistance.

SESRIC, ISESCO, and INWRDAM have several capacity building activities and programmes related to water issue.

A draft Terms of Reference for the OIC Water Council for consideration by the next Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water has been prepared.

A draft to establish an OIC Water Fund with a funding strategy and mechanisms to support the implementation activities recommended in the Water Vision has been developed.

Strengthening Cooperation:

To strengthen system and improve availability of water particularly portable water in OIC member countries, it is propose:

- Identify and agree on areas of cooperation;
- OIC level actions and activities should be the focus of the implementation plans and the discussion during the virtual discussion to be moderated by SUEN. All national level

actions and activities should be treated just as proposals for the member countries and hence must be left on the sole discretion of the member countries to pick and choose the most relevant actions according to their domestic water needs and priorities.

- As a fast-track implementation approach, among others, twinning capacity building programmes based on matching the needs and capacities of the member countries are proposed to be selected under each implementation plan of action. These programmes will facilitate exchange of knowledge, experience and best practices among the member countries through capacity building and training activities like study visits, training workshops and exchange of experts etc.

Phase-wise Implementation Plan:

The phase-wise implementation of the Water Vision will include the following at the intra-OIC level:

1. Nomination of Lead Countries to coordinate intra-OIC activities for each thematic areas identified in the OIC Water Vision.
2. The Lead Country to propose concrete implementation activities in relation to the recommendations concerning each thematic area in the OIC Water Vision. The lead country/ies may be assisted by relevant OIC/International institutions.
3. A meeting of National Focal Points to develop and finalize the Phase-wise Implementation Plan for the OIC Water Vision is to be decided and host to be identified.
4. Periodical review of status of implementation of the OIC Water Vision by the OIC Water Council.
5. The Phase-wise Implementation Plan will indicate timeframe and KPIs for the proposed actions. The sample chart to develop the Phase-wise Implementation Plan is as follow:

Thematic Area:

Lead Country:

Actions and Activities/Level	Timeline	KPI	Implementing Partners

Implementation, Monitoring and Follow up:

- As the OIC Water Council will be assuming the central role in monitoring the implementation and follow up of OIC Water Vision, we propose that all lead countries should be inducted into the OIC Water Council as members to ensure their closer involvement in the implementation of various actions and activities proposed in the implementation plans.
- The National Focal Points should continue their work to provide technical help, and address specific barriers, seeking synergies wherever possible between different implementation plans of action

- There is a need for a detailed discussion to identify some potential implementing partners for the proposed actions and activities of the implementation plans. SESRIC has identified some implementing partners to initiate the debate.

Financial Resources:

The identification and allocation of substantial amount of financial resources is one of the most crucial aspects for the implementation of actions and activities proposed under each thematic area. This issue necessitates a detailed discussion to work out some innovative mechanisms for securing necessary funding in addition to OIC Water Fund.

To initiate the debate, the following avenues can be proposed to be considered for securing financial resources for the implementation of the OIC Water Vision:

- Existing initiatives of OIC/IDB could be aligned under the respective thematic areas;
- IDB could be asked to allocate certain amount of fund for each implementation plan from OIC development funds like Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD) and Special Program for the Development of Africa (SPDA), etc.;
- International organization, multi-lateral financial institutions, regional banks and development and philanthropic organizations could also be invited to make financial contribution for the implementation of OIC Water Fund;
- Some member countries could also volunteer to contribute and pledge some financial resources for the implementation of various activities under the implementation plans;

Schedule for development of the Implementation Plan

1. First Meeting of National Focal Points consider the concept on Phase-wise Implementation Plan and recommend to the 3rd ICMW to request the OIC Water to oversee preparation of the Plan and give mandate to approve the Plan;
2. The OIC Water Council calls for all National Focal Point to contribute to virtual discussion to identify the elements for the Phase-wise Implementation Plan. The virtual discussion will be moderated by SUEN;
3. SUEN compiled the information into a preliminary draft;
4. The National Focal Points meets to finalize the draft Phase-wise Implementation Plan;
5. The finalized draft Phase-wise Implementation Plan will be circulated for review by all OIC Member States and provides feedback;
6. The OIC Water Council meets to endorse the Plan.

IV. DRAFT TOR OF OIC WATER COUNCIL



An OIC Water Council
The Organization of Islamic Cooperation
Draft Terms of Reference

Introduction

The First Session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water held at sideline of 5th World Water Forum in March 2009 at Istanbul requested the OIC General Secretariat to formulate concrete proposals to elaborate a strategy framework through preparation of an OIC Water Vision and establishment of an OIC Water Council;

An Advisory Panel of Experts comprising of experts and specialists from the three OIC regions was established to prepare an OIC Water Vision document. The OIC General Secretariat and the IDB the organized the First and the Second Meetings of the Advisory Panel of Experts (Dubai, 25 – 26 May, 2010 and Astana, 13-14 July, 2011) and the International Centre for Biosaline Agriculture (ICBA) and the Republic of Kazakhstan for hosting the meetings respectively.

The Second Session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water (Istanbul, March 2012) decided to adopt the OIC Water Vision document outlining a framework for cooperation in the field of water and requested the Chair of the Current Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water in close coordination with the OIC General Secretariat to prepare draft Terms of Reference for the OIC Water Council for consideration by the next Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water

Article 1: OIC Water Council

An OIC Water Council is to formulate policies and discuss the progress of cooperation in the water field.

Article 2: Definitions

{to be included}

Article 3: Vision, Mission and Goal

- 3.1 **Vision:** Working together for a water-secure future for all the OIC Member States;
- 3.2 **Mission:** to start with small but significant steps, building confidence and experience, creating institutional and financial mechanisms and demonstrating success for future consideration of greater cooperation, potentially for water security across the OIC;
- 3.3 **Goal:** building upon existing collaboration, solidarity and mutual exchange between Member States of the OIC Member States in developing framework for water cooperation and enhancing alliances between governments, research and educational institutions, the private sector and civil society groups involved in water development in the OIC to cooperate in implementing water activities.

Article 4: Scope of activities

- 4.1. Preparation for the Islamic Conferences of Ministers responsible for Water
- 4.2. Monitoring implementation of recommendations and decisions of the Islamic Conferences of Ministers responsible for Water;
- 4.3. Periodically assess the water situation in member states and prepare a joint platform for the relief of water short countries;
- 4.4. Analyze and review the interests of OIC member countries in inviting investment opportunities in the water and agricultural sectors to boost food production;
- 4.5. Prepare a draft water charter to be adopted by member states and adhered to;
- 4.6. Interact with the world community, particularly the organs of the United Nations, concerning water issues;
- 4.7. Work out a unified position that OIC member countries can adopt concerning water issues addressed by the world community;
- 4.8. Promote water research and development activities within OIC member countries.

Article 5: The Membership of OIC Water Council

The OIC Water Vision functions under the authority of and guided by the Islamic Conferences of Ministers responsible for Water.

The membership of the OIC Water Vision shall comprise:

(A) Member States

- (1) The Host of the Current Session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water;
- (2) The Host of immediate upcoming Session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water;
- (3) The Host of immediate past Session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water;
- (4) The current Chair of the OIC Summit Conference;

- (5) Three Member States representing three OIC regions:
 - Africa;
 - Arab;
 - Asia.
- (6) Host of the OIC Headquarters;

(B) OIC General Secretariat and Institutions

- (7) The OIC General Secretariat;
- (8) The OIC Institutions;
 - The Islamic Development Bank (IDB);
 - The COMSTECH;
 - The ISESCO;
 - The SESRIC;

(C) Intergovernmental organizations and other institutions

- (9) Intergovernmental organizations:
 - UN Water;
 - ICBA;
 - ;

(E) Invitees

- (10) Any other members deemed necessary.

Article 6: Structure

The OIC Water Vision shall comprise of:

- 6.1. Chair who is the Host of the Current Session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water;
- 6.2. Two (2) Vice Chair, who shall be selected from Member States, members of the Council;
- 6.3. The SUEN is the Secretariat of the Council. The OIC General Secretariat shall assist in performing the secretarial duties.

Article 7: Duties, Responsibilities and Procedures

- 7.1. The meetings of the OIC Water should normally be chaired by the Chairman who shall ensure compliance with the Rules of Procedures of the OIC (see para 7.5).
- 7.2. The Vice Chairs shall assist the Chair in all Meetings. In the absence of the Chair, one of the Vice Chair by acclamation shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the Chair.
- 7.3. The Chair//Vice Chairs shall report on the proceedings and the decisions made by the OIC water Council for consideration by the Islamic Conferences of Minister responsible for Water;

7.4. The duties of the Secretariat/shall include:

- a. Coordination and convening of the OIC Water Council meetings
- b. Facilitating preparation of all the necessary documentation for the meeting
- c. Submitting decisions of the meetings for approval of the Islamic Conferences of Minister responsible for Water;

7.5. The meetings will be governed by the Rules of Procedure of the OIC Conferences and Meetings as in **Annex I**.

Article 8: Meetings and Reports

- 8.1. All expenses for attending the meeting shall be borne by the participants.
- 8.2. The meeting reports shall be submitted to the Islamic Conferences of Minister responsible for Water.

V. DRAFT TOR OF OIC WATER FUND

TERM OF REFERENCE OF OIC WATER FUND

Preamble

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) emphasizes that water is critical for sustainable development, including environmental integrity and the eradication of poverty and hunger, and is indispensable for human life, health and well-being.

An OIC Water Vision document prepared by an Advisory Panel of Experts from the OIC Member States was adopted by the Second Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water held in Istanbul Republic of Turkey on 5 to 6 March, 2012. The Conference inter alia recommended establishment of a web portal to facilitate matching of needs of Member States with offers in terms of training, capacity-building, exchange of experience, expertise and technical assistance and establishment of an OIC Water Fund with a funding strategy and mechanisms to support the implementation of the Water Vision.

The OIC Water Vision document outlined a framework for Member States to cooperate in the field of water, exchange and sharing knowledge; collaborative activities in research, policy and management support amongst OIC knowledge centers on water; capacity building and outreach development; and organization of specialized forums and conferences, to continue their efforts to pursue integrated water resources management based on cooperation and partnerships at all levels, reflecting political commitment and to create wider societal awareness of the need for water security and the sustainable management of water resources. The Member States were invited to launch national projects and foster partnerships at all levels to strengthen water-related policies and programs that promote rational use of water.

The Second Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water underlined the significance of international cooperation for addressing water issues and challenges. Underscored the crucial role which the OIC could play in promoting cooperation among the Member States by bringing together expertise and experience from diverse countries with unique water characteristics. The Conference further observed that notwithstanding the diverse water-related characteristics of the 57 OIC Member States, maximizing the productive use of water and minimizing its destructive impacts was a common and major challenge. The varied nature of water environments across the OIC countries endowed it with a diverse and rich pool of knowledge and expertise which could be leveraged to address all aspects of water issues.

Article 1: Definitions

For the purpose of this Terms of Reference, the following terminologies and abbreviations shall have the meanings hereunder assigned to them:

- (a). **CONFERENCE:** The Conference of Ministers responsible for Water from Oic Member States;
- (b). **COUNCIL:** The OIC Water Council
- (c). **TRUSTEE BOARD:** The body responsible for management of 'OIC Water Fund'
- (d). **CHAIR:** The Chair of the Trustee Board of Water Fund.
- (e). **FUND:** The OIC Water Fund.
- (f). **GENERAL SECRETARIAT:** The General Secretariat of the OIC

- (g). **HOST COUNTRY:** The country where the Secretariat of the OIC Water Fund is located, i.e. the Republic of Turkey.
- (h). **ICECSA:** Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs.
- (i). **CFM:** Council of Foreign Ministers.
- (j). **MEMBER STATES:** The Member States of the OIC.
- (k). **ORGANISATION:** The Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC).
- (l). **SECRETARY GENERAL:** The Secretary General of the OIC.

Article 2: Objectives

The objectives of the OIC Water Fund shall be as follows:

- i) Promote cooperation among OIC Member States and relevant regional and international organizations/institutions to address water issues and challenges;
- ii) Bringing together expertise and experience from diverse countries with unique water characteristics to raise research capability of the OIC Member States to maximize the productive use of water and minimizing its destructive impacts;
- iii) Assist the OIC Member States to produce skilled and knowledgeable personnel's in the relevant field of water;
- iv) Enable the OIC Water Secretariat to support the Member States with Projects, Researchers, Scientific Experts and Consultants for implementation of the best practices in the field water management.

Article 3: Expenditure

The fund will be used for:

- i. Support project in Member States;
- ii. Institute and grant scholarships, fellowships, and assistantships for facilitating the advancement of learning, teaching, research and training to strengthen capacity of Member States to overcome issues related to water
- iii. Help the SUEN to organize seminars, symposiums, workshops, and conferences in disciplines relevant to the Water Vision;
- iv. Help to establish new projects and facilitate transfer of technologies;

Article 4: Capital of the Fund

An amount of US \$??? million is the estimated target for the capital of the OIC Water Fund.

Article 5: Resources of the Fund

The Resources of finance for the fund shall be the following:

- i) Voluntary Contributions by the Member States of the OIC as well as by the Governments of any other country.
- ii) Grants from the semi-government, commercial, industrial & financial institutions and organizations;

- iii) Donations and bequests from philanthropists, industrialists, business people, and any individual interested in advancement and spreading of water cooperation;
- iv) Voluntary contribution from non-member states or contribution from philanthropists from non-member states will be acceptable on approval of the Chair of OIC Water Council.

Article 6: The Fund Management

A "Trustee Board" comprising the following members shall be responsible for overall management of the Fund and shall take measures necessary for realizing the objectives of the Fund for period of 2015 – 2017:

(A) Member States

- (1) The Host of the Current Session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers of responsible for Water**Chair**
- (2) Host of the OIC Headquarters – **Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**;

(B) Philanthropists

(C) Ex Officio

- (3) The OIC General Secretariat
- (4) The OIC Institutions;
 - The Islamic Development Bank (IDB)**Treasure**
 - The COMSTECH;
 - The ISESCO;
 - The SESRIC;
- (5) SUEN **Secretary**

Article 7: Meeting of the Trustee Board

- i) Presence of at least five members shall form the quorum for meeting;
- ii) The tenure of the nominated members shall be for a period of two years;
- iii) The Trustee Board shall meet at least once a year.
- iv) Any decision of the Trustee Board must not contradict the Shariah Laws.

Article 8: Functions of the Trustee Board

The Trustee Board shall be responsible and accountable for the proper management and functioning of the Fund under the overall supervision of the OIC Water Council,

Article 9: Accounts and Records

- i) Trustee Board shall ensure keeping of necessary accounting and financial data records in accordance with the common rule and procedure of the OIC.
- ii) The Fund shall have separate Bank Account with any bank in any OIC member state as appropriate as per decision of the Trustee Board. All transactions relating to Fund shall have to be carried out through the bank account of the Fund.
- iii) The bank account of the Fund shall be operated jointly by the Chairperson and a Member or Secretary or Treasure of the Board of Trustees.
- iv) The Board of Trustee shall invest the fund with specific terms and conditions in Governmental Financial institutions in consultation with IDB in accordance with the Shariah law.
- v) The income out of the investment of the Fund can only be used for achieving the objectives of the Fund.
- vi) No loan may be contracted or financial commitments made on behalf of the Fund.
- vii) The fiscal year of the Fund shall be the period from 1st January to 31st December. At the end of each fiscal year closing accounts of the Fund shall have to be prepared within two months after the expiry of the year.
- viii) The closing accounts of the Fund for the past fiscal year shall be submitted to the OIC Water Council as a prelude to its submission to the Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water.

Article 10: Interpretation of the Text

The decision of the OIC Water Council shall be final in interpreting any article stipulated above in the case of any dispute.

Article 11: Amendments

Amendments to any of articles or addition of any article shall be made by the Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water upon the recommendation of the OIC Water Council.

Article 12: Liquidation

The Fund shall be liquidated on a resolution adopted by the Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water on the recommendation of the OIC Water Council. Any money remaining with the Fund shall be managed by a special committee to be set up by the OIC.

Article 13: Enter into Force

The Fund shall come into force on the date of its approval by the Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water upon the recommendation of the OIC Water Council.

VI. CHAIRMAN SUMMARY OF THE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WATER VISION, THE 2ND CONFERENCE OF ICMW, 5-6 MARCH 2012



OIC CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR WATER 5-6 March 2012

Chairman's Summary of roundtable Discussions on the Implementation of the Water Vision

A roundtable discussion on the Implementation of the OIC Water Vision was held on 6 March 2012 as a part of the OIC Conference of Ministers Responsible for Water.

His Excellency, Prof. Dr. Veysel Eroglu, Minister for Forestry and Water Affairs, Republic of Turkey chaired the Roundtable discussion.

Participants underlined the significance of international cooperation for addressing water issues and challenges. They underscored the crucial role which the OIC could play in promoting cooperation among the Member States by bringing together expertise and experience from diverse countries with unique water characteristics.

They observed that notwithstanding the diverse water-related characteristics of the 57 OIC Member States, maximizing the productive use of water and minimizing its destructive impacts was a common and major challenge. The varied nature of water environments across the OIC countries endowed it with a diverse and rich pool of knowledge and expertise which could be leveraged to address all aspects of water issues.

A presentation was made by Dr. Razley Nordin, Director General for Science and Technology at the OIC General Secretariat, outlining the scope and expected outcomes of the Roundtable discussion. Exchange of knowledge, sharing of experiences, capacity building, promotion of dialogue on water issues in the national and international agendas of the OIC Member States were identified as some of the objectives for the initial stage of implementation of the water Vision.

In the context of discussions on modalities and activities for promoting knowledge sharing, exchange of experience and capacity building cooperation, the participants recommended establishment and strengthening of linkages between centers of excellence among OIC countries working on water issues as well as the relevant OIC institutions. Such centers could agree on joint activities, data exchange, sharing of resources, joint projects, training courses, seminars and exchange programmes.

The participants also underlined the need for involving relevant governmental organizations, education and research institutions, private sector and NGOs in the activities and programmes for knowledge exchange, experience sharing and capacity building.

Development of irrigation potential, increasing agricultural productivity, water conservation and storage, watercourse management, development of alternate sources of water including desalination, adaptation to climate change, sanitation and waste water management, institutional reforms and water regulations were some of the specific areas identified for the exchange and capacity building programmes and activities.

Some participants underscored the need for defining focus activities and clustering into different areas (such as food security, climate change, hydrology, water supply and sanitation, river management etc. They suggested the development of OIC country action plans with probable support area, project and required cost in the light of OIC water vision for support through OIC funding mechanisms to be established to support the implementation of the water vision.

The participants agreed to consider the establishment of a network of hydro-meteorological monitoring stations for the joint monitoring and advance planning capabilities of Member States and promoting knowledge sharing and capacity building in this field.

Participants welcomed the offers by Turkey, Iran, Egypt, Sudan, Albania, Azerbaijan, UEA and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus for capacity building and training of experts from other OIC Member States in various water related disciplines.

The meeting strongly recommended the establishment of a web portal to facilitate matching of needs of Member States with offers in terms of training, capacity-building, exchange of experience, expertise and technical assistance. It welcomed the offer by SESRIC to collate information from Member States on their needs and offers for cooperation. SESRIC could use its existing questionnaires or develop a specific questionnaire for this purpose, as appropriate.

The meeting took note of capacity building activities and programmes of SESRIC, ISESCO, and INWRDAM and requested these institutions to review their programmes in the light of the requirements of the Member States and the information compiled by SESRIC.

Several participants referred to the need for the establishment of an OIC Water Fund with a funding strategy and mechanisms to support the implementation activities recommended in the Water Vision.

Participants expressed support for the establishment of follow up mechanisms such as expert working groups to facilitate the progressive development of concrete programme of activities in the identified areas.

Various speakers recognized the special needs of Palestine for access to water to meet the needs of the Palestinian people. They encouraged cooperation by Member States for addressing the water situation in Gaza.

In terms of promoting water issues in the national and international agendas of the OIC Member States, modalities for coordination on water issue among OIC countries may be considered in relation to the relevant international fora such as the World Water Forum, United Nations Summit on Sustainable Development and Climate Change conferences. Mainstreaming of water issues could also be achieved by including a specific agenda item on water in the OIC summit Conferences.

Progress in the implementation of above activities can be reviewed by the Conference of Ministers Responsible for Water in Istanbul in 2014.

VII. RESOLUTION NO. 1/1-W ON OIC WATER VISION DOCUMENT, 5-6 MARCH 2012

OIC/1-ICMW/2012/W/ RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 1/1-W ON OIC WATER VISION DOCUMENT

The Islamic Conference of Ministers Responsible for Water (Working Together for a Water Secure Future), held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey from 5 to 6 March, 2012; (12 to 13 Rabi Thani 1433H);

Referring to the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah in December 2005 that called upon the Member States to coordinate their environmental policies and positions in international environmental fora so as to prevent any adverse effects of such policies on their economic development;

Referring also to the decision of the special meeting of the Ministers responsible for Water from the OIC regions held at the sidelines of the 5th World Water Forum (Istanbul, 20 March 2009) that requested the OIC General Secretariat to formulate concrete proposals to elaborate a strategy framework through preparation of an OIC Water Vision and establishment of an OIC Water Council;

Recalling Resolution No. 4/37–S&T on Environment Matters adopted by the 37th session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) of the OIC (Dushanbe, 18 – 20 May 2010) that requested the OIC General Secretariat in cooperation with OIC subsidiary and specialized institutions to take necessary measures to establish an expert group, to be composed of prominent experts, ensuring balanced representation of the OIC Member States, to prepare by consensus the OIC Vision on water issues;

Recalling Resolution No. 4/38–S&T on Environment Matters adopted by the 38th session of the CFM of the OIC (Astana, 28 - 30 June 2011) that requested the OIC General Secretariat, IDB and ICBA to finalize the OIC Water Vision for submission to the second meeting of Advisory Panel of Experts to approve this document and eventual adoption by the OIC Conference of Ministers Responsible for Water to be hosted by Turkey;

Recognizing that the entire world is facing the effects of climate change impacts resulting to water extremes such as floods, water depletion and droughts;

Mindful of the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (September 2002) determined to achieve the goal to reduce the proportion of people who are unable to reach or to afford safe drinking water and to access basic sanitation as well as to develop integrated water resources management and water efficiency plans;

Taking note of the recommendations of the UN High Level International Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the International Decade for Action “Water for Life”, 2005-2015” (Dushanbe, June 8 – 10, 2010);

Further taking note of the Strategy for Integrated of Water Resources Management and its implementation mechanisms adopted by the Tenth Islamic Summit (Putrajaya, 2003);

Emphasizing that water is critical for sustainable development, including environmental integrity and the eradication of poverty and hunger, and is indispensable for human life, health and well-being;

Commending the efforts made by the Member States, OIC General Secretariat and the relevant OIC institutions for mobilizing efforts and implementing programs and projects within the framework of the rational use and management of water resources;

Appreciating the OIC General Secretariat and the IDB for the organization of the First and the Second Meetings of the Advisory Panel of Experts (Dubai, 25 – 26 May, 2010 and Astana, 13-14 July, 2011) and the International Centre for Biosaline Agriculture (ICBA) and the Republic of Kazakhstan for hosting the meetings respectively;

Commending the hard work of the Advisory Panel of Experts in preparation of the OIC Water Vision document;

Further commending the OIC Secretary General Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu for his efforts to transform the OIC to become more responsive to the contemporary challenges facing the Muslim world and his personal interest in environmental issues has been instrumental towards the development of the OIC Water Vision.

Appreciating the OIC General Secretariat and the Government of the Republic of Turkey for organizing the Senior Officials Meeting (Istanbul, 12 – 14 January 2012);

Having considered the draft OIC Water Vision document (OIC/1-ICMW/2012/W/VISION) the Conference:

1. **Decides** to adopt the OIC Water Vision document outlining a framework for cooperation in the field of water;
2. **Invites** the Member States to promote activities recommended by the OIC Water Vision, including exchange and knowledge sharing; collaborative activities in research, policy and management support amongst OIC knowledge centers on water; capacity building and outreach development; and organization of specialized forums and conferences;
3. **Calls upon** the Member States, in collaboration with the General Secretariat and relevant OIC institutions to continue their efforts to pursue integrated water resources management based on cooperation and partnerships at all levels, reflecting political commitment and to create wider societal awareness of the need for water security and the sustainable management of water resources;
4. **Invites** the Member States to launch national projects and foster partnerships at all levels to strengthen water-related policies and programs that promote rational use of water;
5. **Requests** the Chair of the Current Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water in close coordination with the OIC General Secretariat to prepare draft Terms of Reference for the OIC Water Council for consideration by the next Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water;
6. **Agrees** to appoint focal points in the Member States for close collaboration on water issues and communicate their contact details to the OIC General Secretariat;
7. **Requests** the Secretary General of OIC to project OIC position in the framework of OIC Water Vision at the international fora on water and support OIC Member States on water issues upon request;

8. **Requests** the Secretary General to take appropriate steps for the implementation of these recommendations and submit a report thereon to the relevant OIC fora.

VIII. RESOLUTION OF THE 2ND CONFERENCE OF ICMW, 5-6 MARCH 2012



OIC Conference of Ministers Responsible for Water 5 to 6 March 2012 Istanbul, Republic of Turkey

REPORT

Introduction

1. The OIC Ministers Responsible for Water met in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey from 5 to 6 March 2012. The meeting was hosted by the Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs, Republic of Turkey in collaboration with the OIC General Secretariat.
2. The meeting was attended by Ministers and Deputy Ministers responsible for Water and high level officials from OIC Member States, OIC Institutions, Observers and international organizations. (List of participants is attached as Annex I).
3. The meeting was inaugurated by H.E. Prof. Dr. Veysel Eroglu, Minister for Forestry and Water Affairs, Republic of Turkey. The honourable Minister welcomed participants of the Conference. He underscored the urgent need for cooperation and coordination at the national, regional and global levels for promoting water issues and addressing water related challenges facing the OIC Member States and expressed the hope that the OIC Water vision will provide the basis for cooperation and collaboration on water issue among the OIC countries. Highlighting Turkey's experience in dealing with water issues the Minister offered cooperation between Turkey and other OIC countries on various aspects of water.
4. Delivering the inaugural address on behalf of the OIC Secretary General, OIC Assistant Secretary General for Science and Technology, Ambassador Abdul Moiz Bokhari, stressed the need for collective responses to the challenges of reliable access to water for health, livelihood and production, as well as the management of unpredictable water related risks, which were becoming more pronounced due to population growth, depletion of resources, environmental degradation and the phenomenon of climate change. The OIC Water vision provided a framework for cooperation among the OIC countries for overcoming the common and major challenge of maximizing the productive use of water and minimizing its destructive impacts.

Election of Bureau members and adoption of agenda

5. Following the inaugural statements, the Conference proceeded to elect its Bureau by acclamation as follows:

Chairman: Republic of Turkey

- Vice Chairmen:
1. Djibouti
 2. Mozambique
 3. Palestine

Rapporteur General: 4. Bangladesh

6. Thereafter the Agenda and Work Programme for the meetings were adopted (attached as Annex II & III).

Presentation of the OIC Water Vision Document

7. Dr. Razley Nordin, Director General of Science and Technology, OIC General Secretariat and Mr. Fawzi Sultan, Chairman of the OIC Advisory Panel of Experts on Water Vision, made power point presentations explaining the background of the OIC Water Vision, its objectives, the preparatory process, major challenges discussed in the Vision, meeting of the Senior Officials held in Istanbul in January 2012 and the way forward.

Statements by Ministers Responsible for Water and Heads of Delegations

8. Statements were made by the Heads of Delegation of Albania, Qatar, Bangladesh, Algeria, Iran, Senegal, Oman, Sudan, Mozambique, Palestine, Turkey, Iraq, Yemen, Egypt, Azerbaijan, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and Inter-Islamic Network for Water Resource Development and Management (INWRDAM). In their national statements, the Ministers Responsible for Water and Heads of Delegations discussed water challenges facing their countries, their efforts to address those challenges and their expectations from the OIC Water Vision. While observing the diversity of water environments across the OIC countries, the participants noted that maximizing the productive use of water and minimizing its destructive impacts was a common and major challenge for the OIC member States.
9. Various speakers underlined the critical role of the OIC in promoting cooperation among Member States on water-related issues and its ability to bring together expertise from diverse countries with unique water characteristics.
10. The Meeting reviewed the OIC Water Vision document, examined major water related issues and identified concrete measures for strengthening cooperation among OIC Member States in the sector of water.
11. The Meeting commended the hard work of the Advisory Panel of Experts in preparation of the OIC Water Vision document. It commended the OIC Secretary General Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu for his efforts to transform the OIC to become more responsive to the contemporary challenges facing the Muslim world. His personal interest in environmental issues has been instrumental towards the development of the OIC Water Vision.

Adoption of the OIC Water Vision

12. Taking note of the approval of the document by the Senior Officials Meeting held in Istanbul from 12-14 January 2012, the Meeting adopted the OIC Water Vision and the associated Resolution on OIC Water Vision Document (No. 1/1-W).

Roundtable discussion on the Implementation of the OIC Water Vision

13. Roundtable discussions on the implementation of the OIC Water Vision are summarized in the annexed Chairman's Summary. The OIC General Secretariat was requested to keep the Member States informed about the progress with respect to the issues raised in the roundtable discussion.
14. The Meeting expressed deep appreciation to Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs, Republic of Turkey, for kind hospitality, excellent organization and arrangements for Conference. The Meeting welcomed the offer by the Republic of Turkey to host the next OIC Conference of Ministers Responsible for Water, in 2014.

IIX. DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE 3RD CONFERENCE OF ICMW

**Third Session of the
Islamic Conference of Ministers Responsible for Water
Istanbul, Republic of Turkey
2 – 4 November 2015**

Draft Programme of Work

Day: Monday, 2 November 2015

09:00	Opening Session
	Recitation of Al- Quran
	Speech by Secretary General of OIC
	Speech by Minister of Forestry and Water Affairs of Turkey
	Opening Statement by President of Turkey
10:00	Key Note Speech on achievement of MDGs and elements of SDGs ???
	Signing of water projects
11:00	Family Photo
11:15	Inauguration of Water Exhibition
13:00	Lunch Break
14:30	Election of the Bureau
15:00	Adoption of the Draft Agenda
	Draft Program of Work
15:30	Report on the implementations of the decisions and recommendations of the 2 nd Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water (Istanbul, 2012)
16:00	The Report on implementation of the OIC Water
17:00	Statements by the Heads of delegation

Day 2: Tuesday, 3 November 2015

09:00	Statements by the Heads of delegation
09:30	Panel Discussion on Strengthening Collaboration in particular capacity building in water sector
11:00	Panel Discussion on Tackling Water Borne Diseases
12:30	OIC Water Council
13:00	OIC Water Fund

13:30	Lunch Break
15:00	Statements by the Heads of delegation
16:00	Adoption of draft Resolution
16:30	Adoption of draft Declaration of 3 rd ICMW
17:00	Date and venue for the Fourth Session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water
17:30	Any other business
18:00	Closing Session

Day 3: Wednesday, 4 November 2015

10:30	Field trip
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IX. DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE 3RD CONFERENCE OF ICMW

**Third Session of the
Islamic Conference of Ministers Responsible for Water
Istanbul, Republic of Turkey
2 – 4 November 2015**

Draft Agenda

1. Opening of the Conference;
2. Key Note Speech on achievement of MDGs and elements of SDGs;
3. Exhibition;
4. Signing of agreements on water project
5. Election of the Bureau
6. Adoption of the Draft Agenda and Draft Program of Work
7. Status of the implementation of decisions of the 2nd Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water;
8. Implementation of the OIC Water Vision;
9. Statements by the Heads of delegation;
10. Panel Discussion on Capacity Building
11. Panel Discussion on Water Borne Diseases
12. OIC Water Council;
13. OIC Water Fund;
14. Field trip;
15. Adoption of Draft Resolutions;
16. Adoption of Declaration of the 3rd ICMW.
17. Any other business;
18. Date and venue for the Fourth Session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water;
19. Closing Session.

X. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

	COUNTRY	NAME	INSTITUTION
1	Republic of Azerbaijan	Dr. Elshad JAVADZADE	Azersu OJSC
2	People's Republic of Bangladesh	Mohd Anwar KADIR	Joint Rivers Commission Bangladesh, Ministry of Water Resources
3	Republic of Burkina Faso	Jean Mathieu BINGBOURE	Ministry of Agriculture and Hydraulic Resources
4	Chad	Idriss Ali MALLOUM	Ministry of Livestock and Hydraulics
5	Republic of Djibouti	Moustapha NOUR OSMAN	Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Livestock
6	Republic of The Gambia	Haddyjatou NJIE	Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Water Resources, Parks and Wildlife
7	Republic of Guinea	Ismael DIA	Ministry of Energy and Hydraulics
8	Republic of Iraq	Suhair Salman ABDULWAHAB	Ministry of Water Resources
9	Republic of Lebanon	Rana AL-AHMADI	Ministry of Energy and Water
10	Malaysia	Sutekno Bin Ahmad BELON	Ministry of Energy, Green Technology and Water
11	Republic of Mali	Ly Fatoumata KANE	Ministry of Energy and Water
12	Kingdom of Morocco	Abdul Aziz AMEZIANE	Ministry of Energy, Mines, Water and Environment
13	Mozambique	Angelica DENGO	Ministry of Maritime, Inland Waters and Fisheries
14	Sultanate of Oman	Nasser Mohamed Nasser AL-BATTASHI	Ministry of Regional Municipalities and Water Resources
15	Federal Republic of Somalia	Omar H. M. SHURIE	Somalia Mission Office
16	Republic of Sudan	Haroun Ibrahim Elhag BAKHIT	Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation
17	Republic of Suriname	Nirmal-Kewal Rathna BHARTIEDEVI	Ministry of Natural Resources
18	Tunisia	Abderrahman OUASLI	Ministry of Agriculture
19	Republic of Turkey	Aslihan KERÇ	Turkish Water Institute (SUEN)
20	Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC)	Mehmet NECDET	Department of Geology and Mining
21	Republic of Uzbekistan	Ravshan Aminadivonich MAMUTOV	Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources
<u>OIC INSTITUTIONS</u>			
22	OIC General Secretariat	Dr. Razley M. NORDIN	
23	OIC General Secretariat	Hasan Basri ARSLAN	
24	OIC General Secretariat	Abdunur M. SEKINDI	
25	COMSTECH	H.E. Dr. Shaukat Hameed KHAN	
26	COMSTECH	Prof. M. Qasim JAN	
27	IDB	Bakhadir MIRZAEV	
28	ISESCO	Alaoui MOHAMED	

29 SESRIC
30 SESRIC

Mazhar HUSSEIN
Fadi FARASIN

OBSERVERS

31 Republic of Iraq
32 Republic of Iraq
33 Republic of Iraq

Ali Hamza SAID
Dr. Sumaya RASHID
Hussein Abdulameer BAGA

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Ministry of Water
Resources

34 Malaysia

Muhd Azhar Bin SALLEHEN

Ministry of Energy, Green
Technology and Water

35 TRNC

Okan BERKSOY

Ministry of Environment
and Natural Resources

36 TRNC

Temel RIZZA

Ministry of Environment
and Natural Resources

37 Republic of Turkey

M. Mustafa ÇELİK

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

38 Republic of Turkey

Prof. Dr. Ahmet Mete SAATÇI

SUEN

39 Republic of Turkey

Elif OKUMUŞ ÖKSÜZ

SUEN

40 Republic of Turkey

İdil YILMAZ

SUEN

41 Republic of Turkey

Mustafa Salih SARIKAYA

SUEN

42 Republic of Turkey

Ayşe AYDIN

SUEN

43 Republic of Turkey

Osman TIKANSAK

SUEN

44 Republic of Turkey

Burcu YAZICI

SUEN

45 Republic of Turkey

Aslı BEKDİK

SUEN

46 Republic of Turkey

Nurhan KARADENİZ

SUEN

47 Republic of Turkey

Nuray AKALIN

SUEN

48 Republic of Turkey

Dr. Murat HATİPOĞLU

State Hydraulic Works
(DSI)

49 Republic of Turkey

Alper ATEŞ

DG of Water Management

50 Republic of Turkey

Kerim KESMEZOĞLU

Ministry of Forestry and
Water Affairs, Department
of EU and Foreign Affairs

XI. DAILY PROGRAMME

First Meeting of the National Focal Points for OIC Water Vision

Istanbul, Republic of Turkey

3-5 June 2015

DETAILED DAILY PROGRAMME

DAY 0: Tuesday, 2 June 2015

Arrival of participants and transfer to the Guest House	
Checking into the Guest House	
19:00	Dinner served at the Guest House

DAY 1: Wednesday, 3 June 2015

07:00	Breakfast at the Guest House
08:00	Leave for the Meeting Place
09:00	Registration
09:30	Start of the Meeting
10:30	Coffee Break
11:00	Meeting (cont'd)
13:00	Lunch at DSI Facilities
14:30	Meeting (cont'd)
16:00	Coffee Break
16:30	Meeting (cont'd)
17:30	End of the Meeting

17:45	Leave for the Guest House
19:00	Dinner served at the Guest House

DAY 2: Thursday, 4 June 2015

07:00	Breakfast at the Guest House
08:00	Leave for the Meeting Place
09:00	Start of the Meeting
10:30	Coffee Break
11:00	Meeting (cont'd)
13:00	Lunch at DSI Facilities
14:30	Meeting (cont'd)
17:00	Closing
17:15	Family photo shooting
17:30	Leave for Üsküdar for sightseeing
20:00	Leave for the Guest House
21:00	Dinner served at the Guest House

DAY 3: Friday, 5 June 2015

07:00	Breakfast at the Guest House
08:00	Leave for Technical Visit
09:00-10:30	Visit to Ömerli Water Treatment Plant
11:00-12:30	Visit to Paşaköy Wastewater Treatment Plant
13:00	Lunch at the Guest House
Transfer of participants to the airport	

XII. LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

MEETING DATES AND VENUE

The First Meeting of the National Focal Points for OIC Water Vision will take place in Istanbul, Turkey on 3-5 June 2015. The meeting venue is:

DSI 14th Regional Directorate

Address : Libadiye Cad. No: 54 Küçükçamlıca Üsküdar / İstanbul

Phone : +90 216 325 63 20

Room : Blue Hall (Mavi Salon)

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ACCOMMODATION

The Government of Turkey will provide free accommodation at the designated facility for three nights (2-3-4 June) for one delegate from each OIC Member State. Participants will be accommodated at DSI Guest House. Address information is as follows:

Orhantepe AR-GE Eğitim ve Dinlenme Tesisleri

Address : Orhantepe Mah. Mutlu Sok. Özveri Çıkmazı Orhantepe Ar-Ge ve Eğitim Merkezi
No: 6 Cevizli, İstanbul

Phone : +90 216 457 9641

The Guest House is located on the Asian Side of Istanbul.

Additional delegates are kindly expected to cover their own accommodation expenses. However, SUEN can give assistance to those who would like to reserve a room at the DSI Guest House or a hotel close to the Meeting Venue. Their rates are as follows:

DSI Guest House: Room: 23\$ Breakfast: 5\$

Queen Hotel (4-star): Single Room: 69\$ (breakfast included)

Double Room: 88\$ (breakfast included)

<http://www.queenhotelspa.com/en/index.html>

Please note that No Per Diem will be paid.

TRANSPORTATION

The Government of Turkey will cover the flight expenses for one delegate from each OIC least-developed member country (OIC-LDC). Other member countries are expected to cover their own air travel costs.

Airport transfers from/to Istanbul Atatürk Airport from/to the DSI Guest House stated above and to the meeting venue will be provided by the organisers. There will be no transfer from/to any hotel.

Please find the officials of the organising secretariat who will welcome you at the airport with the meeting name plates.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Turkish is the official language of the Republic of Turkey. The working language of the meeting will be English. Simultaneous interpretation in English, French and Arabic will also be provided.

INTERNET ACCESS

Free internet will be provided at the guest house and meeting venue.

At the guest house, free internet connection is provided via ethernet cable.

The wi-fi password at the meeting venue will be provided on-site.

A computer with internet access and a printer will also be provided for the use of the delegates.

LOCAL TIME

Standard time zone: UTC/GMT +2 hours

Time zone abbreviation: EET - Eastern European Time

ELECTRICITY

Turkey operates on 220 volts, 50 Hz, with round-prong European-style plugs that fit into recessed wall sockets/points.

A FEW HELPFUL TIPS FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

- You can withdraw money in Turkish Lira as well as Euro and U.S. Dollar with your debit cards from the ATMs in Turkey. The majority of ATMs provide Turkish, English and other language options for the convenience of foreigners. There are a number of banks in walking distance to the Meeting Venue.

- You can use your credit cards and debit cards for all kinds of purchases. It is advisable, however, to carry some cash with you in case you take trips away from the city centre or travel to smaller towns or villages.
- Currencies of foreign countries can be converted into Turkish Lira at exchange offices and banks in accordance with the daily exchange rate determined by the Turkish Central Bank. Apart from Turkish Lira, strong currencies such as U.S. Dollar and Euro are widely accepted by large shopping centres, hotels and restaurants. It is advisable, however, that you carry some Turkish Lira with you at all times for your own convenience.
- Foreigners may drive in Turkey provided that they keep their passport, international driver's license and the vehicle license with them all the time. Turkey drives on the right side of the road and the advanced highway network allows easy access to different corners of the land.
- European two-pin sockets are widely used in Turkey as everywhere in continental Europe.
- English is the most spoken foreign language everywhere in Turkey. You should have no problem meeting people who can speak English and help you get around in all the big cities, shopping malls, restaurants and holiday resorts.
- Many international GSM operators provide coverage in Turkey in addition to local GSM operators such as Turkcell, Avea and Vodafone. You may ask your GSM operator to activate the international roaming function of your mobile phone before travelling to Turkey or just obtain a new SIM (Subscriber Identity Module) card from local operators in Turkey.
- All of the museums in Turkey are closed on Monday and are open to visitation from 9:00 to 17.00 on the other days.
- Pharmacies are open from 09:00 until 19:00. In cities, there are usually English-speaking assistants available. Duty pharmacies can be found in most large towns, and are open (24/7) throughout the night. Schedules for these are generally posted on windows with the name of the pharmacy, address and telephone number included.
- Shopping centers are open every day offering a variety of trademarks and services from usually from 10.00 am until 22.00 pm.
- Banks are in service of their customers from 09.00 to 17.00 on weekdays but are closed on weekends.
- The time zone in Turkey situated at the connecting point of Asia and Europe is GMT +2. - There are no mandatory vaccinations before traveling to Turkey.

EMERGENCY PHONES AND HELP LINES

Police	155	Emergency	112
Fire Call	110	Doctor Line	113
Health Information	184	Tourist Information Centre	170
Wake Up Service	135	International Operator	115

HOSPITALS

There are a number of private and state-run hospitals with an accident and emergency department, often with English-speaking staff.

Private Hospitals

- Acıbadem Hospital Tel: 0212 444 55 44
- Universal Taksim Alman Hospital Tel: 0212 293 21 50
- American Hospital Tel: 0212 444 3 777
- International Hospital Istanbul Tel: 0212 468 44 44
- Şişli Osmanoğlu Hospital Tel: 0212 296 20 60

Government Hospitals

- Haydarpaşa State Hospital At: Tıbbiye Road No: 40 Üsküdar, Istanbul Tel: 0216 542 32 32
- Sarıyer State Hospital At: Dursun Fakih Str. No: 1, Sarıyer Tel: 0212 242 06 65
- Taksim State Hospital At: Siraselviler Road No: 112, Beyoğlu Tel: 0212 252 43 00
- Beykoz State Hospital At: Saip Mola Road No: 1, Beykoz Tel: 0212 322 22 10
- Üsküdar State Hospital At: Barbaros District Veysi Paşa Str. No: 14, Üsküdar Tel: 0216 474 7900
- Haseki State Hospital At: Dr Adnan Adıvar Road, Aksaray Tel: 0212 529 44 00

POLICE STATIONS IN THE MOST POPULATED AREAS

- Adalar Police Station At: Ayyıldız Road No: 8, Heybeliada Adalar Tel: 216 382 50 10
- Yavuz Selim Police Station At: Beyazid Road No: 37, Arnavutköy Tel: 0212 6810534
- Bahçelievler Police Station At: Talatpasa Str. No: 14 Tel: 0212 442 19 23
- Beşiktaş Police Station At: Opposite the Çırağan Palace, at the entrance of Yıldız Park Beşiktaş Tel: 0212 327 52 80
- Bostancı Police Station At: Bağdat Str. No: 505 Tel: 0216 411 30 72
- Şişli Police Station At: Abide-i Hurriyet Road No:45, Bomonti Tel: 0212 214 42 93
- Taksim Police Station At: Kocaağa Str. 1-21, Kuloğlu Tel: 0212 297 28 28

PRAYER TIMES

Date	Fajr	Sunrise	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
2.6.2015	03:29	05:27	13:09	17:06	20:39	22:26
3.6.2015	03:29	05:27	13:09	17:06	20:39	22:27
4.6.2015	03:28	05:26	13:09	17:06	20:40	22:28
5.6.2015	03:27	05:26	13:10	17:07	20:41	22:29

