

## **Recommendations Adopted at the “Knowledge Sharing Workshop on OIC Social Security Systems”**

Desiring to promote multilateral cooperation and to develop concrete joint actions aiming at serving the socio-economic development of OIC member countries, the representatives of social security authorities met on 04-06 April 2016, in Ankara during the “Knowledge Sharing Workshop on OIC Social Security Systems”, jointly organized by the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), and The Turkish Social Security Institution (SGK), where after fruitful discussions on submitted themes of cooperation by institutions, the delegates tentatively agreed upon the following recommendations:

1. **Expressing** strong satisfaction with the implementation of the workshop and **urged** Member States to actively support the OIC Capacity Building Programme on Social Security Institutions (OIC SSI-CaB) and participate in the enactment process for the exchange of knowledge and experience in the field of social security;
2. **Acknowledging** the need for the provision of international integrated efforts in OIC community to facilitate, implement and monitor programs to mitigate collective challenges in social security faced by the OIC member countries;
3. **Conducting** joint studies and scientific research in the fields of social security, as well as collecting statistical data in the areas that are vital for the preparation of strategic plans for institutional and human capacity building in relevant fields;
4. **Launching** new projects and programs to build a safe, strong and prosperous Ummah which comprises all citizens without exception, based on the results of the studies and research, and analysis of the needs and capacities of the institutions;
5. **Exchanging** technical assistance for the purpose of joint research, training and consultation on the issues of common interest, including inter alia, governance and capacity building through collaboration with relevant national, regional, international and OIC institutions;
6. **Supporting** joint efforts through inter alia, organizing training programs, seminars, conferences, workshops and working groups with a view to exchanging knowledge and experience;
7. **Strengthening** the engagement of institutions with key stakeholders within the Islamic world and elsewhere with a view to supporting them to become strong active partners towards achieving the change and progress in OIC region;
8. **Exposing** strong aspiration in the establishment of a network among relevant institutions of OIC member countries to ensure exchange of experiences and best practices of social security authorities, with the purpose of promoting better social security systems and expanding social protection;

9. **Calling upon** OIC member countries to designate National Focal Points (NFPs) for the OIC Social Security Network (OIC-SSNET), which shall be a national governmental body with the responsibility of managing social security;
10. **Requesting** SESRIC to undertake the role of the Secretariat of the OIC-SSNET to represent, publicize and raise awareness in both OIC and international level, and establish an e-mail and social media groups which will facilitate and ease the communication among the members of the Network;
11. **Requesting** SESRIC, in collaboration with national institutions, to prepare analytical reports that provides detailed account of social security conditions in OIC countries in order to be able to identify and assess the fundamental problems and challenges in the area, highlighting practical approaches that are regarded to be crucial in expanding social protection;
12. **Expressing** their thanks and strong appreciation to Social Security Institution of the Republic of Turkey for hosting the Knowledge Sharing Workshop, in collaboration with SESRIC, on 04-06 April in Ankara, Republic of Turkey.