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## **CONFERENCE ON EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN OIC MEMBER COUNTRIES**

**“Raising Awareness & Employment Opportunities”**

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**Radisson Blu Conference & Airport Hotel**

**E-5 Karayolu (Yanyol) No. 2034295 K. Çekmece İstanbul**

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## Conference Plenaries

<b>Wednesday 26 October 2016</b>	
<b>8.30 – 9.30</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Refreshments</b>
<b>9.30 – 11.00</b>	<b>Inaugural Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Recitation from the Holy Quran</li><li>❖ Welcoming Statements<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Mr. Mehmet Ali Özkan, Deputy General Director, Public Employment Agency of the Republic of Turkey</li><li>▪ Mr. Enes Polat, Deputy President, State Employment Agency of the Republic of Turkey</li><li>▪ Dr. Fadila Grine, Director of Family &amp; Social Affairs Department, OIC General Secretariat</li><li>▪ H.E. Amb. Musa Kulaklıkaya, Director General, SESRIC</li><li>▪ H.E. Dr. Fatma Betül Sayan Kaya, Minister of Family and Social Policies, Republic of Turkey</li></ul></li><li>❖ Family Photo</li></ul>
<b>11.00 – 11.30</b>	<b>Tea &amp; Coffee Break</b>

<b><u>First Plenary</u></b>	
<b>11.30 – 13.00</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Employment Situation of Disabled in OIC Member Countries</b></p> <p>The general perspective and employment scope of UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will be discussed. Also a presentation on overall state of the labour market and employment situation of persons with disabilities in OIC member countries will be made.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Tayyar Kuz, Head of Research, Development and Project Department, General Directorate of Services for Persons with Disabilities and Elderly, Ministry of Family and Social Policy, Republic of Turkey</p> <p>❖ <b>General scope of UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Assoc. Dr. Selda Çağlar, Trakya University Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences Department of Public Administration, Legal Sciences U.</li></ul> <p>❖ <b>The employment scope of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Mrs. Keziban Karçkay, Family and Social Policy Expert, Department of Research, Development and Project, General Directorate of Services for Persons with Disabilities and Elderly, Ministry of Family and Social Policy</li></ul> <p>❖ <b>State of labour market and disabled people in the OIC member countries</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Dr. Cem Tintin, Senior Researcher, SESRIC</li></ul>
<b>13.00 – 14.30</b>	<b>Lunch &amp; Prayer Break</b>

<p>4.30 – 16.00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Second Plenary</u></b></p> <p><b>Scene setting: The current situation and challenges of persons with disabilities in the labour market</b></p> <p>The state of employment of persons with disabilities in OIC member countries will be discussed, with a focus on labour market tendencies over the past years.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Mehmet Aslan, Head of Active Labour Market Services Department, Turkish Public Employment Agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ <b>The contribution of public authorities to disability access to employment in Mauritania</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Mr. Beyte Allah Ahmed Leswed, Director General, National Agency of Promoting Youth Employment, Mauritania</li></ul></li><li>❖ <b>Employment of persons with disabilities and labour market tendencies in the Republic of Turkey</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Mr. Ekrem Kayacı, Employment Expert, Turkish Public Employment Agency</li></ul></li><li>❖ <b>Persons with disabilities employed by the public sector in Turkey</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Mr. Çetin Kocabaş, Expert, State Employment Agency, Republic of Turkey</li></ul></li><li>❖ <b>Providing opportunities in employment and economic development for people with disabilities in Albania</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Mrs. Jorida Muço, Expert, Directorate of Development Policy and Territory</li></ul></li><li>❖ <b>Supported employment in Turkey- Join to Work Join to Life Project</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Assoc. Dr. Necdet Karasu, Gazi University, Faculty of Education, Department of Education of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, Project Coordinator</li></ul></li><li>❖ <b>Promotion of employment of disadvantaged</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Mr. Franck Madou Dogoh Director General, Directorate for Employment, Ivory Coast</li></ul></li></ul>
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16.00 – 16.30	<b>Tea &amp; Coffee Break</b>
16.30 – 17.30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Third Plenary</u></b></p> <p><b>Services regarding vocational training and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities</b></p> <p>Activities regarding vocational training and rehabilitation which are the integral part of employment of persons with disabilities will be discussed.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dr. M. Anwar Ullah, FCMA, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Social Welfare, Bangladesh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Employment situation of people with disabilities in Uganda: Prospects and challenges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ —Mr. Milton Turyasiima, Ministry of Gender, Labour And Social Development</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ <b>Experiences of disabled service - you are not alone</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Nader AL-Markhi, Head of Disabled Service Centre, Ministry of Social Development, Bahrain</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ <b>Vocational training and rehabilitation services under Turkish Public Employment Agency</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Mehmet Aslan, Head of Active Labour Market Services Department, Turkish Public Employment Agency</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ <b>Social policy in employment of persons with disabilities in Tunisia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dr. Mejda Hamadi, Sonia Elaid, Director of Vocational Rehabilitation, Ministry of Social Affairs</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ <b>Vocational training opportunities in local administrations– A sample from Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality, Disability Directorate</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mrs.Yeliz Yıldız Kökenek, Director, Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Disability Directorate, Turkey</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ <b>Employment of people with disabilities in Oman</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Ali Al Jabiri, Director of the Vocational Assessment and Rehabilitation Centre, Directorate General of Disabled Affairs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

19.00-21.00	Dinner
<b>Thursday 27 October 2016</b>	
9.30 – 11.00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fourth Plenary</b></p> <p><b>Perspectives from different sectors of the labour market</b></p> <p>Representatives from stakeholder institutions, self-employment, sheltered employment and supported employment will bring their testimony and analyse what are obstacles, levers for change and how each sector could better facilitate access to employment for persons with disabilities.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mrs. Sebiha Başaran, Deputy General Director, General Directorate of Services for Persons with Disabilities and Elderly, Ministry of Family and Social Policy, Republic of Turkey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Senegalese experience on employment of persons with disabilities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Aboubacar Wade, Technical Advisor to the Office of the Minister, Ministry of Labour and Social Dialogue, Republic of Senegal</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ <b>Self-employment: A sample from Ankara, Turkey</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Kadir Ozan Ulusoy, owner of Down Advertising Agency</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ <b>Supporting people with disabilities to create TPE / AGR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mrs. Amina Ghayati, Head of Marketing Service, National Agency for Promotion of Employment and Skills</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ <b>Sheltered workshop application GÖKCEM “Konya Down”</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mrs. Yasemin Devecioğlu, Owner of the workshop</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ <b>Employer experience from Join to Work Join to Life Project- MB Joint stock company holding, Gaziantep, Turkey</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mrs. Lale Aras Karakaş, Director of human resource, MB Holding</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ <b>Employee experience from Join to Work Join to Life Project, MB Joint Stock company Holding, Gaziantep, Turkey</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Selahattin Demirtaş, employee, MB Holding</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p><b>11.00 – 11.30</b></p>	
<p><b>11.30 – 13.00</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Fifth Plenary</u></b></p> <p><b>Opinions and recommendations from different sectors regarding employment of persons with disabilities</b></p> <p>Representatives from different sectors will share their opinions and recommendations on how to enhance the participation of persons with disabilities into labour market.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Beyte Allah Ahmed Leswed, Director General of the National Agency for Youth Employment, Mauritania</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Raising awareness &amp; employment opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Filly Nyassi, Senior Social Welfare Assistant, Ministry of Health &amp; Social Welfare, Gambia</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ <b>Experience of Burkina Faso in matters of employability of disabled people</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mrs. Yvette Dembele, State Secretary of Minister, Ministry of Women, National Solidarity and Family, Burkina Faso</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ <b>Supported employment in Turkey: A sample from an NGO, I am Independent because I am Working Project and recommendations for NGOs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mrs. Fulya Ekmen, Vice Chairman of the Board, Association of Down Syndrome</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ <b>Implementation of work and occupation counselling and future recommendations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Sinan Temur, Head of Work and Occupation Counselling Department, Turkish Public Employment Agency</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ <b>An account of persons with disabilities in Bangladesh and their employment including opportunities and challenges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Md. Anwar Ullah, Director and Joint Secretary, Ministry of Social Welfare</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ <b>Persons with disabilities and human resources counselling-</b></li> </ul>

	<p><b>Sample from BRC and future recommendations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mrs. Aslı Alpaslan, Director of Recruitment Programs ,BRJ Lubnatsi Counselling Corporation, Turkey</li> </ul>
13.00 – 14.30	<p><b>Lunch &amp; Prayer Break</b></p>
14.30-18.00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Study Visit and Social Program</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality Disability Centre</li> <li>• The Bosphorus Tour</li> </ul>
18.30 – 20.30	<p><b>Dinner</b></p>
<p><b>Friday 28 October 2016</b></p>	
9.30 - 11.00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Sixth Plenary</u></b></p> <p><b>Country Experiences on Employment of Persons with Disabilities</b></p> <p>Country experiences regarding employment of persons with disabilities with respect to the current situation, challenges and recommendations.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Sainey Camara, The Ministry of Health &amp; Social Welfare, Department of Social Welfare, Orthopaedic/Rehabilitation Technician</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>The concept and challenges for people with disabilities in Djibouti</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Houssein Hachi Megag, Head of Social Service and Humanities Department, Somali National Development Research Centre</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ <b>Cameroon's experience in the employment of persons with disabilities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Thérèse Nnang, Technical Adviser, National Employment Fund</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ <b>Jordan's experience in the employment of persons with disabilities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Omar Abu Romman, Director of Employment Affairs, Civil Service Bureau</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ <b>Sudan's experience in the recruitment and employment of</b></li> </ul>

	<p><b>persons with disabilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Mrs. Amal Dafa Allah Mohamed Ali, Secretary, Ministry of Welfare and Social Security</li></ul>
<b>11.00 – 12.00</b>	<b>❖ Closing Remarks</b>
<b>12.30 – 14.30</b>	<b>Lunch &amp; Prayer Break</b>