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ICYF ACTION PLAN

2019

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is my pleasure to offer my best wishes to you, as well as my hopes for your continued health and happiness in the new year of 2019 in which, as the new President of the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF), unanimously elected at its 3rd General Assembly, held on 22-24 October 2018 in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, I hope we will work together in a wide range of activities for the betterment of youth in OIC Member States. In fact, ICYF's main priorities for the new year and those during my term emanate from OIC Youth Strategy and the Joint Youth Plan of Action, adopted by OIC Member States in relevant ministerial meetings. This amplifies the commitment and entails the political will of all those who tirelessly strive to improve the situation of youth in the OIC geography.

With your strong support, we intent on focusing on youth economic empowerment through tackling issues of unemployment rates, innovation, job creation, and entrepreneurship, while ensuring that the fight against Islamophobia, radicalization, extremism and identity crises remain high on our agenda.

Once again, I reiterate my best wishes for the year that is now starting with the firm belief that if we walk and work together, our achievements will make 2019 a “year to remember”.



PRESIDENT
TAHA AYHAN

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WHAT IS ICYF ?

The Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC) was established at its Founding General Assembly held in Baku, Azerbaijan on 01-03 December 2004 in accordance with the resolution No 15/31-C adopted by the 31st Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held on 14-16 June 2004 in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey.

The Forum was granted with the status of Institution affiliated to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) by the virtue of the resolution No.3/32-C adopted by the 32nd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (CFM) held in Sana'a, Yemen on 28-30 June 2005. According to Special Host Country Agreement with the Government of the Republic of Turkey of 2008, ICYF-DC is a diplomatic mission accredited in Turkey with Headquarters in Istanbul and is the main partner of OIC in youth-related matters.

The last presidential elections of the ICYF-DC were held at the 3rd General Assembly, held on 22-24 October 2018 in Istanbul. Delegates of ICYF-DC member institutions voted for the presidential and other statutory bodies' candidates. According to the voting results, H.E. Mr. Taha Ayhan was unanimously elected as the new President of ICYF-DC and assumed Office on 1st December 2019 for a four-year mandate. The same gathering voted for the Institution to be renamed as Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF).



The ICYF Member Institutions consist of leading national and international youth organizations from OIC Member States as well as Muslim minorities of non-Muslim countries. The objectives of ICYF is to work in every field concerned with youth of Muslim World in accordance with relevant OIC CFM resolutions. The ICYF intends to continue working for Muslim youth to overcome challenges faced by them, however the Forum also needs strong support of OIC Member States for succeeding in its noble mission.

The ICYF aims to carry out advocacy for youth interests, while supporting sustainable development, promoting formal and informal education, strengthening moral values of young generations and engaging in dialogues among cultures and civilizations.

The ICYF stands dedicated to serving the youth of the Ummah in implementing important initiatives based on the understanding that Muslim youth should embrace the roots of the rich legacy of Islamic tradition, while engaging with outstanding education programs to train them as successful world citizens that are optimistic, constructive and retain responsibility toward the Ummah and humanity at large.

VISION

Our vision is to establish ICYF as a multi-ethnic and vibrant youth organization that caters to the religious, educational, and social needs of the Muslim communities of the OIC region. As ICYF, being the OIC youth Institution, we believe that educated, employed, and highly engaged young people possess the power to solve and shoulder the toughest problems of 21st century.

MISSION

Our mission consists of “5 B Rules”:

Be More Concerned: To preserve the values

Be More Decisive: To render future

Be More Understanding: Other's values

Be More Involved: In solving global issues

Be More Aware: To follow current global developments

VALUES

ICYF functions upon Islamic values, among which the following 5 values are of particular importance:

- Excellence
- Sincerity
- Social
- Justice
- Compassion
- Custodianship

for **2019**

The main reason d'être of the OIC Youth Capital International Programme (OYC) is to provide a yearlong stage to foster cooperation among the Member States in the field of youth policy as well as enhancing Muslim youth solidarity, fostering inter-cultural diversity and the spirit of "unity" of youth from the OIC geography through different kinds of activities. The Programme is envisaged to encompass a chain of activities and events in the field of culture, academic life, youth leadership, entertainment, sports, and youth capacity building within the understanding that the interests and benefits of Muslim youth are celebrated all year long.



Young Business Hub (YBH) is an ICYF project which establishes multiphase entrepreneurship platform that offers young entrepreneurs (startups and innovative SMEs) from OIC Member States the opportunity of online & offline trainings in related fields and to be matched with the specifically chosen investors both in online platform and in a yearly Summit. Legal instruments (banking account, legal name, accreditation, registration) utilized for development of project are those of ICYF in accordance with its status, immunities and privileges as diplomatic institution affiliated to the OIC and accredited in the Republic of Turkey.

YBH will consist of the following projects, namely;

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5th Kazan OIC Youth
Entrepreneurship Forum

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Take off Istanbul
Startup Summit

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International Vocational and
Technical Education Program

OIC INTERN is an international internship program aimed at guiding young people in professional career planning by reinforcing academic knowledge gained during their studies with practical applications designed and implemented by SESRIC, OIC Subsidiary Institution, with which ICYF will cooperate as its international implementer.

OIC INTERN gives the opportunity for professional experience to young people through work ethic, work discipline and teamwork experience. While giving the opportunity to get vocational and technical experience, enables them also to acquire cultural interaction and intercultural communication skills.

The purpose of OIC INTERN is to contribute to the development of knowledge and skills of young people, to facilitate their entrance into the labor market, to contribute to the enhancement of the quality of the labor force in the long-term and to promote economic competitiveness member countries' economies.



6th INTERNATIONAL MODEL OIC

MALAYSIA, 2019

Model OIC is an authentic simulation of the OIC Summit or Council of Foreign Ministers, which catapults students into the world of diplomacy and negotiation. In Model OIC, students step into the shoes of Ambassadors / Ministers / Presidents of OIC Member States to debate current issues on the Organization's vast agenda. The students, better known as "delegates" in Model OIC, prepare draft resolutions, plot strategy, negotiate with supporters and adversaries, resolve conflicts, and navigate the OIC's rules of procedure—all in the interest of mobilizing "international cooperation" to resolve problems that affect OIC Member States and non-member states in general.



22 FEB. – 17 MAY 2019 ISTANBUL, TURKEY

ICYF DIPLOMACY ACADEMY

Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF), launches ICYF Foreign Policy Academy which offers 13 weeks of academic seminars as well as training courses for local and international students studying in Istanbul. During these 13 weeks, interactive issues in international relations, social and intercultural hot topics in the OIC countries, foreign policy strategies and important issues related to Islamic world will be discussed.

The Academy gathers official representatives from governmental and non-governmental organizations, diplomats, politicians, university representatives, journalists and academicians to deliver courses in the best possible way for the students.

The Academy will be held every Friday from 22nd February to 17th May and at the end of the Academy, all the participants regularly attending the courses will be awarded with Certificate of Participation.



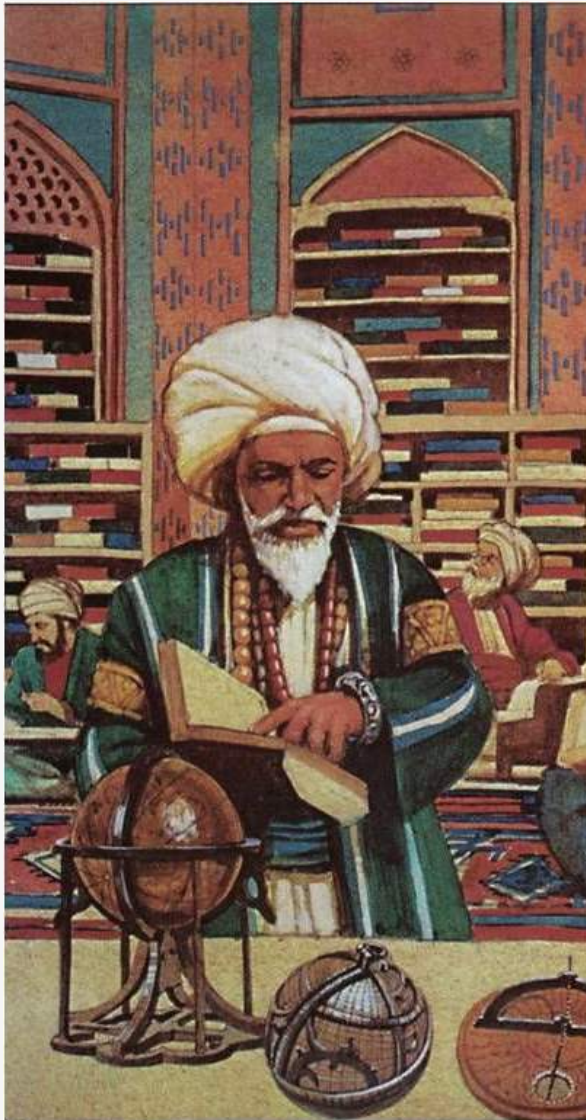
GRAND CLOSING CEREMONY OF AL-QUDS AL-SHARIF OIC YOUTH CAPITAL 2018

11 MARCH 2019 ANKARA, TURKEY

During the year of 2018, in a historic decision of solidarity with Palestinian people, Al-Quds Al-Sharif was celebrated as the OIC Youth Capital for 2018 through hosting a year-long international programme of invigorating youth activities co-organized by the Higher Council for Youth and Sports of the State of Palestine and the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF) as the Implementing Agency of the Joint Youth Action Plan adopted by the 3rd Session of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers and relevant decisions of the subsequent OIC Council of Foreign Ministers.

The activities held throughout the year in the framework of the Al-Quds Al-Sharif OIC Youth Capital, including the official establishment of the Palestinian National Youth Council or Media Camp, held respectively in Jordan and Turkey, have both contributed towards raising international awareness on the inalienable rights of Palestinians and Muslims towards the sanctity of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and also paved the way for cooperation, joint work and friendship between youth of Ummah and Palestine.

The Closing Ceremony of “Al-Quds – OIC Youth Capital 2018” International Programme will bring together ICYF stakeholders, Ministries of youth and Sports of the OIC Member States as well as youth of OIC geography and will handover the OIC Youth Capital Key to Doha 2019 OIC Youth Capital 2019, scheduled to be held on 11 March 2019 in Ankara, Republic of Turkey.



The Purpose of the Project

The project aims to contribute the forgotten works of Islamic knowledge, social, human and natural sciences that are composed by Muslim ulema (scholars) and scientists to unearth as well as targets to bring in those works to our daily literature which will result in contributing to our science history. The project covers carefully selected works from the special collection which includes the Islamic knowledge, science and philosophy in Islamic geography, Turkish music and Turkish literature. The success of 100 main work will encourage the remaining thousands of precious pieces awaited to be read and researched in the Asian and European libraries. The project is to be implemented with another sister OIC Institution, IRCICA.

The Importance of the Projects and Its Outputs

There are many importance of facsimile edition of the selected works in the framework of the Islamic culture and civilization which includes to translate non-Turkish works into Turkish and also Turkish works to modern Turkish. Some of those works will emphasize Turkish as sufficient and rich language not only in terms of Islamic knowledge but science and philosophy in general, especially aforementioned works will be resources for the scientists and academicians.

MODEL OIC HIGH SCHOOL

12-15 APRIL 2019 ISTANBUL, TURKEY

Model OIC is an academic simulation of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) that aims at educating participants about current trends in theory and practice of international relations, effective communication and multilateral diplomacy. Model OIC High Schools a special project under MOIC Program, was specifically established for the high school to also develop language skills as an educational target.



JUNE 2019 BANJUL, GAMBIA

AFRICA YOUTH SOLIDARITY FORUM



The forum will, among others, provide a platform for the youth and other partners, to salute the courage of the Muslim youth, while also broadly reflecting on the opportunities and challenges of youth solidarity and engagement in the continent, with a view to finding common ground on how to collectively address them. The overall goal of this forum is to strengthening capacity of youth to lead Action at both community and international levels. The participants will be comprised of youth activists, youth workers, NGO and opinion leaders, peace makers, experts from the OIC Member States, non-OIC countries, observers and world that have experience working with young people and have particular interest in youth solidarity field. ISESCO, an OIC Specialized Organ, will be among the ICYF partners in implementing this important project.



ANNUAL COORDINATION MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL YOUTH ENVOYS

17 JUNE 2019 ISTANBUL, TURKEY

The Coordination Meeting of Youth Envoys aims to provide an opportunity to share experiences and good practices, identify and address challenges, and agree on ways to further improve cooperation and its working mechanism for future joint activities. Two (2) days meeting will gather youth envoys of relevant international organizations (United Nations, Organization of Islamic Cooperation, African Union, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Commonwealth Youth Center and European Union) for a meeting to coordinate efforts in implementing joint programs for youth betterment.



21-23 AUGUST 2019 ISTANBUL, TURKEY

YOUTH MOBILITY AND EXCHANGE ICYF IQRA-ISESCO TAFAM PROGRAM



The programme supports education rights, growth, development, learning and accessibility of education opportunities for Muslim Youth with close cooperation by OIC Member States. Enhancing the quality and relevance of education and training in the beneficiary countries at all levels of education.

Gathering higher education student learning mobility and staff mobility between donor and beneficiary countries. Establishing cooperation and partnerships between the member states and its higher education institutions with the working mechanism.

INTERNATIONAL TALENT TALKS

AUGUST 2019 ISTANBUL, TURKEY

International Talent Talks is an international cultural promotion program with a strategic target of increasing awareness about the rich cultures of OIC Member States at the global level.

In accordance with its aim; program consists of different panels on history of the selected country, workshops, cultural programs, exhibition, short films on country promotion and local cuisine festival.

It is also expected to host high level governmental authorities of the selected member states at the whole parts of the program.



The idea is to gather youth to identify the best manners and options on how to utilize the promotion of Islamic culture as a counter-measure against Islamophobia.

MEDIA TRAINING CAMP

SEPTEMBER 2019 ISTANBUL, TURKEY

The Camp aims to bring together and integrate young people sharing a common values, historical and cultural heritage; to strengthen the ties of friendship and brotherhood among young people and societies; to build a powerful future on shared values; to contribute to the development of future young leaders sensitive about global and social issues, promoting the well-being of society and humanity at all points, preserving their values. The camp programme focuses on understanding how and why media content is produced to make distinctions between different types of media content (news journalism, propaganda, promotion, entertainment, etc.) and also exploring, fostering appreciation of cultural diversity among participants and empowering young people to play an active role in the development of youth media participation in their communities. Selected Students who successful accomplished certificate program will be offered internship program in one of partner media institutions.



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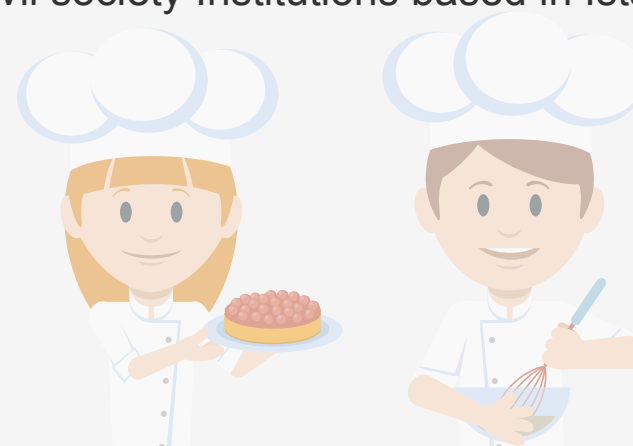
Marathon Competition

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Leading youth chefs
into Turkish cuisine

The proposal is a full day event under the patronage of H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, the President of the Republic of Turkey. In the two thematic panels, one dealing with Pro-active Youth Policy as key factor in National development in OIC Member States, selected Ministers of Youth & Sports, based on Permanent Ministerial Council on Youth and equitable geographical distribution, are to form the panel, while the second one on the Role of OIC Institutions Active in the Field of Youth in Improving the State of Youth in the OIC Member States, will be addressed by Heads of OIC Institutions and International Organizations Active in the Field of Youth Policy (IDB, ISESCO, ISSF, SESRIC, and ICYF).

Participants will include OIC Member States' Missions accredited to the Republic of Turkey, relevant UN Agencies, accredited Press Agencies, and relevant civil society Institutions based in Istanbul.



INTERNATIONAL MUSLIM INTELLECTUALS FORUM

OCTOBER 2019 ISTANBUL, TURKEY

International Muslim Intellectuals Forum, jointly held with Ibn-Haldun University, is to bring together Muslim scholars and intellectuals from different cultural, ethnic and national backgrounds to closely and critically examine and analyse Muslims' relations with modernity, human rights, democratic politics, freedoms, gender issues, and sectarian, ethnic and cultural differences.

International Muslim Intellectuals Forum, with the goal of bringing together prominent senior and junior scholars of the Muslim world to express and exchange their ideas in the format of an academic forum every year. The Forum seeks not only to gather together leading intellectuals of the Muslim world to reflect collectively on the issues facing Muslims today but also to establish worldwide Muslim intellectual networks of cooperation and youth voluntarism to prepare future scholars and leaders.



NOVEMBER 2019 BANJUL, GAMBIA

2nd YOUNG LEADERS SUMMIT

(OFFICIAL YOUTH EVENT OF 14th SESSION OF ISLAMIC SUMMIT)

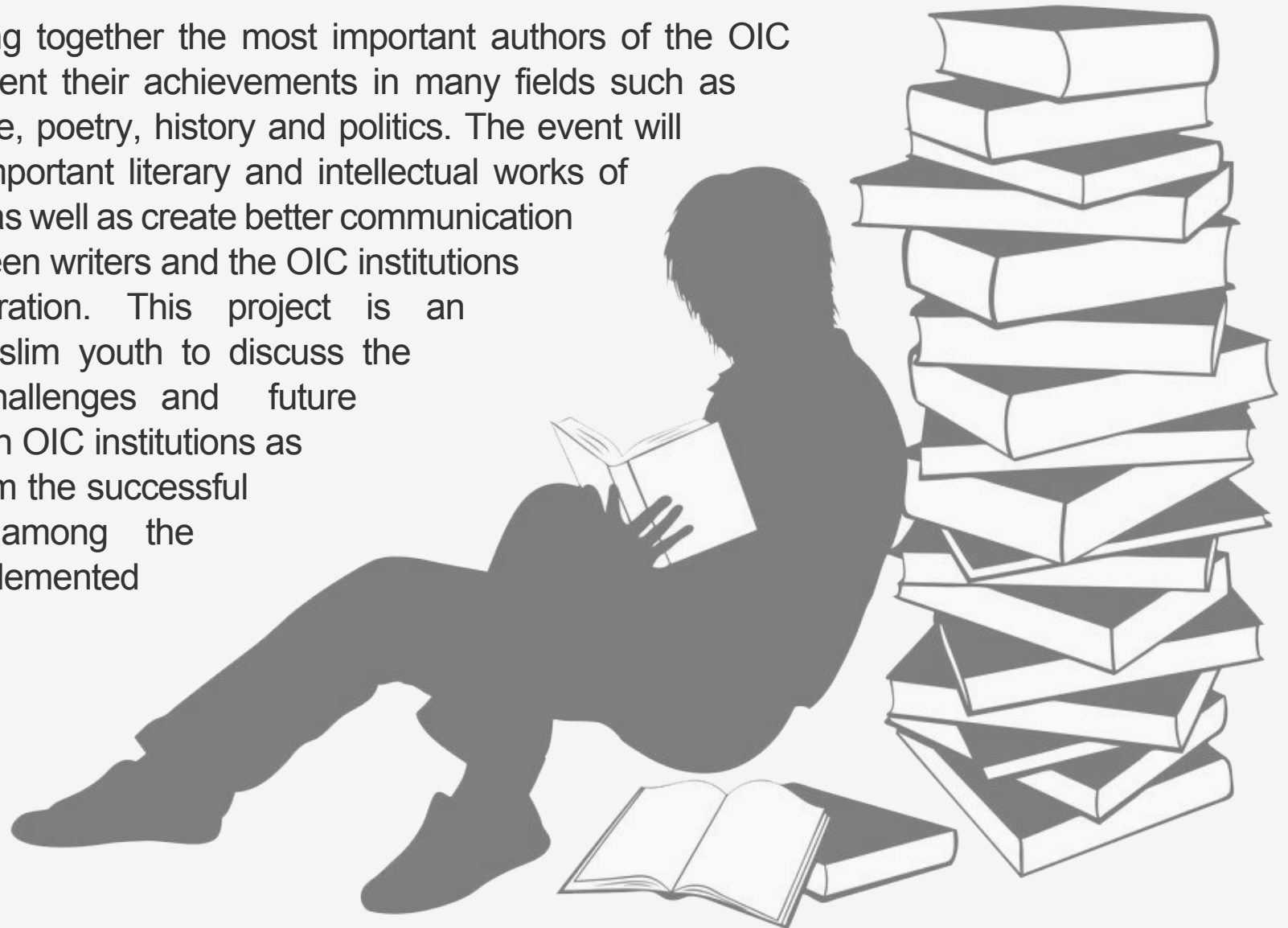


In April 2016, the ICYF convened the 1st youth Pre-Summit event at the 13th Islamic Summit Conference in Istanbul, Turkey. The OIC Youth Pre-Summit aims to connect around 100 young leaders who create a change in their locales from all over OIC Member States. The goals of the conference are to bring together young champions of the youth causes to discuss pressing issues related to the development of Muslim youth that are part of the Summit's Agenda, to exchange best practices of civil youth initiatives, and to draw strategies of joint youth actions. The event is to be convened in coordination with OIC General Secretariat and Gambian concerned authorities.

YOUNG WRITERS SOLIDARITY SEMINAR

NOVEMBER 2019 ISTANBUL, TURKEY

This event will bring together the most important authors of the OIC countries and present their achievements in many fields such as journalism, literature, poetry, history and politics. The event will review the most important literary and intellectual works of writers in OIC MS, as well as create better communication opportunities between writers and the OIC institutions for future cooperation. This project is an opportunity for Muslim youth to discuss the most important challenges and future writers' projects with OIC institutions as well as to learn from the successful experiences. This among the projects to be implemented with ISESCO.



DECEMBER 2019 ISTANBUL, TURKEY

2nd REPORT ON STATE OF YOUTH IN OIC MEMBER STATES



The Report aims to examine the state of youth in OIC Member States. It will start by updating to survey key challenges and prospects of youth well-being in the following areas; education-training , employment-entrepreneurship, political-civil participation , health-mental health, cultural and value change from previous data.

To examine youth education outcomes, the report reviews such key indicators as youth literacy rates, high-school enrolment rates and international student mobility.

The collection of data is to be done through holding 03 regional workshops in the OIC geographical zones, Africa, Arab and Asia in cooperation with SESRIC.

LAUNCHING of OIC YOUNG VOLUNTEERS MOVEMENT

02-06 DECEMBER 2019 ISTANBUL, TURKEY

The idea of the “OIC Countries Young Volunteers Movement” or “OIC YVM” came into being after the understanding on the necessity of an active established OIC Young Volunteers’ Network. In this context, 3rd and 4th Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers adopted the idea and the ICYF was mandated to pursue and implement programs in that domain. The OIC YVM, inter alia, provides a platform for the young volunteers, non-governmental organizations, youth organizations and other partners, to salute/recognize the courage of the Muslim youth, while also broadly reflecting on the opportunities and challenges of volunteerism and its importance in the OIC Geography, with a view to finding common ground on how to collectively address them.

2019 IRAQ

The conference aimed to create a volunteer’s mechanism to encourage sharing of effort, experience and knowledge, in order to help OIC youth and communities to achieve Development Goals.



DECEMBER 2019 DHAKA, BANGLADESH

ISESCO-ICYF YOUTH INTERCULTURAL CAMP



The Camp aims to provide a platform for the Muslim youth where they can explore different cultures and extend their understating of culture from local level to international level. It is very essential necessity for the OIC Member States that has high rate of young population can bridge the gap and strength the common values between different culture and solidarity for the Ummah. The goal of the International Youth Dialogue Camp is to explore and foster appreciation of cultural diversity among participants and to empower young people to play an active role in the development of intercultural dialogue in their communities. Experts, representatives of state bodies, NGOs, political scientists, sociologists, and mass media will take part in the programme of the Camp.

5th ISLAMIC CONFERENCE OF YOUTH AND SPORT MINISTERS (ICYSM)

JEDDAH 2020

ICYSM is the Ministerial Sessions of the OIC Ministries' of Youth and Sports which gather once in a two years. The objective of the Session to provide an important avenue to discuss the possible ways of strengthening the capacity of youth and actively engage them to their respective communities in sport activities as well as to ensure the best possible results to achieve tangible outcomes in youth and sports development in line with OIC-2025: Programme of Action, including implementation plan of the OIC Youth Strategy, and Joint Youth Plan of Actions for 2019-2020.

According to resolution OIC/ICYSM-4/2018/REPORT/FINAL, the Conference welcomed the gracious offer of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to host the 5th ISCYM in May 2020. During the 5th Session of the ICYSM, ICYF will be part of the Meeting as the Secretariat of the ICYSM in the field of youth.



CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Throughout the year	DOHA-OIC Youth Capital 2019	Doha, Katar
Throughout the year	Young Business Hub	OIC Member States
Throughout the year	OIC Intern	OIC Member States
2019	6 th International Model OIC	Malaysia
Feb. 22-13 May 2019	ICYF Diplomacy Academy	Istanbul, Turkey
March 11 2019	Grand Closing Ceremony Al-Quds Al-Sharif OIC Youth Capital 2018	Ankara, Turkey
April 2019	Intellectual Heritages of Islamic World to the Humanity	OIC & Beyond
April 12-15 2019	Model OIC High School	Istanbul, Turkey
June 2019	Africa Youth Solidarity Forum	Banjul, Gambia
June 17 2019	Annual Coordination Meeting of International Youth Envoys	Istanbul, Turkey
August 21-23 2019	Youth Mobility and Exchange ICYF Iqra-ISESCO Tafaum Program	Istanbul, Turkey
August 2019	International Talent Talks	Istanbul, Turkey
September 2019	Youth Action Against Islamophobia	Istanbul, Turkey
September 2019	Media Training Camp	Istanbul, Turkey
September 3 2019	OIC Youth Day	OIC States
October 2019	International Muslim Intellectuals Forum	Istanbul, Turkey
November 2019	2 nd Young Leaders Summit	Banjul, Gambia
November 2019	Young Writers Solidarity Seminar	Istanbul, Turkey
December 2019	2 nd Report on State of Youth in OIC Member States	Istanbul, Turkey
December 2-6 2019	Launching of OIC Young Volunteers Movement	Istanbul, Turkey
December 2019	ISESCO-ICYF Youth Intercultural Camp	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Through 2020	5 th ISLAMIC CONFERENCE OF YOUTH AND SPORT MINISTERS	Jeddah, KSA

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