



**Recommendations
of the Second Meeting of OIC Water Council**

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- In order to adopt a more focused approach and to develop synergies between the activities of the OIC institutions, the meeting requested the OIC institutions to carry out capacity building and training workshops, particularly relating to the Water Monitoring Network and Early Warning System; and Water Saving and Management in Agriculture Sector. The OIC institutions shall share among themselves the details of planned activities to avoid duplicity.
- The meeting lauded the efforts of Government of Egypt to arrange a training course for young water professionals of OIC countries in the field of integrated water resource management being held in Cairo from 20-24 October 2019 to train 15 young professionals from 9 OIC countries. It is recommended that other OIC countries may arrange training programs on the priority areas particularly in the least developed OIC countries. Members of Water Council are encouraged to announce holding such training workshops as well as the initiative and intimate the OIC General Secretariat accordingly.
- To communicate with the various stakeholders and to share innovative techniques and new mechanisms to address water-related issues adopted by the OIC countries, it is recommended that web portal on water resources shall be reactivated. The portal shall focus on highlighting the success stories, case studies and other information about the water-related activities carried out by the Member States.
- OIC General Secretariat shall work closely with Member States and other OIC institutions to arrange the meeting of the water research institutions of the OIC Member States at the earliest with the aim to assist these institutions to share knowledge and experiences, as an essential first step towards encouraging collaborative research on water related issues.
- Encourages Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) to complete the project of Mapping Program for Water Sector - Resource Centers (WS-RCs) in the OIC countries before the convening of next meeting of the ministers responsible for water to be held in Saudi Arabia in the later part of next year. As well as to share with Senior officials and Ministers the IsDB Water Sector Policy and

Strategic Operation Plan. It is agreed that the preparation of such reports and its dissemination will be valuable for the Member States, OIC institutions, and other specialized international / regional bodies

- OIC General Secretariat shall coordinate among the Member States, OIC institutions and other regional and international organizations for promoting and disseminating progress of all actors in the implementation of Water Vision through sharing of information as well as arranging advocacy and public awareness workshops involving all stakeholders.
- In order to overcome shortage of technical and financial resources by many OIC Member States to prepare water resource strategies, as well as to conduct and cooperates in innovative research to achieve different mitigation measures, OIC General Secretariat is requested to engage with other regional and international stakeholders to establish institutional mechanisms to benefit from available funds and international best practices and capacity building opportunities of the water professionals of the OIC countries.