

## **Phase-wise Implementation Plan**

### **OIC WATER VISION, 2013 – 2025**

#### **Background information:**

The OIC Water Vision 2013-2025 was adopted by the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 feed back;
6. The OIC Water Council meets to endorse the Plan.