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**Workshop on Muslim Diaspora:
Prospects and Challenges for Global Peace and Prosperity
12-13 May 2018 Istanbul, Turkey**

WORK PROGRAM

Day 1: 12 May 2018	
09.00 – 09.30	Registration and refreshments
09.30 – 11.45	<p>OPENING SESSION</p> <p>Recitation from the Holy Quran</p> <p>Welcoming and opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Sayit Yusuf, Deputy President of Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB)- H.E. Amb. Musa Kulaklıkaya, Director General of SESRIC- H.E. Amb. Umit Yardim, Deputy Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey <p>Keynote Presentation</p> <p>Global Muslim Diaspora (GMD) Study and Findings Dr. Onur Unutulmaz, Lead Researcher of GMD</p>
11.45 – 12.00	Coffee break
12.00 – 13.30	<p>Session 1: Muslim Diaspora in Figures and Data</p> <p>Presenter: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gürol Baba, Researcher of GMD</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Servet Erdem, Researcher of GMD</p> <p>Aim: A quick review of the overall status of Muslim Diaspora across the world through data, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geographical distribution of diasporic communities & history of Muslim immigration towards the West• Demographic characteristics of the Muslim Diaspora (population and population projections, gender, median age, etc)• Socio-economic (education, labour, divorce rate, family size, etc) profile of Muslim immigrants• Political, religious and civil rights and limitations (citizenship rights, rights to worship, religious traditions, etc. <p>- Questions and answers</p>
13.30 – 14.45	Lunch and prayer break



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14.45 – 16.00	<p>Session 2: Existing and emerging challenges facing Muslim Diaspora</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <p>Dr. Adil Salahi, Author and Translator</p> <p>Mr. Marwan Muhammad, Statistician, Human Rights Expert, Former Director of the Collective against Islamophobia in France</p> <p>Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gürol Baba, Researcher of GMD</p> <p>Aim: Understanding both long-breathed and emerging difficulties Muslim Diaspora face in host countries. One long-breathed challenge is the lack of unity and common institutional representation of Muslim Diasporic communities. Emerging challenges, on the other hand, may include youth and identity, growing Xenophobia and Islamophobia, media and Diaspora, etc.</p> <p>- Questions and answers</p>
16.00 – 16.15	Coffee break
16.15 – 17.30	<p>Session 3: Contribution of the Diaspora to Country of Origin and Host Country</p> <p>Presenter: Dr. Muhammad Abdul Bari, Scholar</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Sayit Yusuf, Deputy President of YTB</p> <p>Aim: To highlight Diasporic communities' agency in terms of their economic, cultural, and political and otherwise contributions both to the host country (e.g., democratizing political system, labour participation, etc) and country of origin (remittances and economic growth, etc.)</p> <p>- Questions and answers</p>
19.30	Social Dinner



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09.30 – 11.00	<p>Session 4: Presentations by Member Countries' Diaspora Authorities</p> <p>Moderator: YTB</p> <p>Aim: To introduce the institutions on Diaspora and their activities and policies, especially those that address Diasporic communities' problems both within host countries and countries of origin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Questions and answers
11.00 – 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 – 12.30	<p>Session 5: Presentations by Member Countries' Diaspora Authorities (cont.)</p> <p>Moderator: YTB</p> <p>Aim: To introduce the institutions on Diaspora and their activities and policies, especially those that address Diasporic communities' problems both within host countries and countries of origin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Questions and answers
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch and prayer break
14.00 – 15.30	<p>Session 6: Brainstorming Session for Intra-OIC cooperation</p> <p>Moderator: Mehmet Fatih Serenli, Director of TCD of SESRIC</p> <p>Aim: Formulating ideas as well as actionable insights that can;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthen cooperation among OIC Member Countries on the issue of Muslim immigration• Strengthen cooperation between OIC Member Countries' national institutions and civil society on the issue of Muslim immigration• Identify mechanisms and activities that can strengthen unity and bond among Diasporic communities across the world. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Questions and answers
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee break
16.00 – 17.00	Wrap up of Recommendations & Closing



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