



*Under the high patronage of His Excellency Mr Béji Caïd Essebsi, President of the Republic of Tunisia*

# First ISESCO Conference of Education Ministers

**“Towards boosting and activating joint Islamic  
educational action”**

**Tunis, Republic of Tunisia**  
26 Muharram 1438A.H. / 27 October 2016

**Resolutions**



**RESOLUTION ON ITEM 1.1  
OF THE DRAFT AGENDA:  
(Composition of the Conference Bureau)**

**The First ISESCO Conference of Education Ministers**, held under the high patronage of H.E. President Béji Caïd Essebsi of the Republic of Tunisia, in Tunis, Republic of Tunisia, on 26 Muharram 1438 A.H., corresponding to 27 October 2016, on the theme “**Towards boosting and activating joint Islamic educational action**”,

- Based on the deliberations having taken place and the proposals put forward,

**Decides what follows:**

- **Composes** the Bureau of the First ISESCO Conference of Education Ministers as follows:
  - **Chair:** Republic of Tunisia
  - **Vice-chairs:**
    - Islamic Republic of Pakistan
    - Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
    - Republic of Benin
  - **Rapporteur:** Republic of the Sudan



**RESOLUTION ON ITEM 1.2  
OF THE DRAFT AGENDA:  
(Adoption of the Draft Agenda)**

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- Having considered its Draft Agenda as contained in Document (ICEM 1/2016/1.2, (provisional)),

**Decides what follows:**

- **Adopts** the Agenda of the First ISESCO Conference of Education Ministers as contained in Document (ICEM 1/2016/1.2, (adopted)).



**RESOLUTION ON ITEM 1.3  
OF THE AGENDA:  
(Adoption of the Draft Programme)**

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- Having considered the Draft Programme of the Conference as contained in Document (ICEM-1/2016/1.3 (Provisional)), and
- Based on the deliberations having taken place,

**Decides what follows:**

- **Adopts** the Programme of the First ISESCO Conference of Education Ministers as contained in Document (ICEM 1/2016/1.3, (adopted)).



## RESOLUTION ON ITEM 2.1 OF THE AGENDA:

### (Strategic approaches to developing education and invigorating its role in fostering development and coexistence)

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- Having considered the “**Strategic approaches to developing education and invigorating its role in fostering development and coexistence**” as contained in Document (ICEM-1/2016/2.1),
- Having listened to the statements of the heads of Member States’ delegations, and
- Based on the deliberations having taken place,

### **Decides what follows:**

- 1- **Encourages** building on the outcomes of the Ministerial Roundtable on the “Strategic approaches to developing education and invigorating its role in fostering development and coexistence” in developing national educational policies, particularly with regard to planning, programmes, curricula, staff training, governance, quality, equality of opportunity, monitoring and assessment, and regional and international cooperation.
- 2- **Thanks** the Director General for his initiative to convene this Ministerial Roundtable as part of the First ISESCO Conference of Education Ministers, and **invites** him to convene similar ones in the conference’s future sessions to discuss relevant key issues and recurrent educational challenges, propose solutions to them and boost cooperation and joint Islamic action in this connection.



## RESOLUTION ON ITEM 3.1 OF THE AGENDA:

### (Report of the Director General on ISESCO's Educational Action for Member States and Muslim Communities outside the Islamic World over the period 2013-2015)

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- Having considered the “**Report of the Director General on ISESCO's Educational Action for Member States and Muslim Communities outside the Islamic World over the period 2013-2015**” as contained in Document (ICEM-1/2016/3.1), and
- Based on the deliberations having taken place,

#### **Decides what follows:**

- 1- Adopts** the Report of the Director General on ISESCO's Educational Action for Member States and Muslim Communities outside the Islamic World over the period 2013-2015, taking into consideration the Conference's observations.
- 2- Commends** the strategic vision underlying the educational action of ISESCO over the period 2013-2015, which was centered on sustainability priorities relating to improving Member States' formal and non-formal education systems, including particularly upgrading pre-school education, developing technical and vocational education to curb youth unemployment, revamping adult literacy programmes through incorporation of training for rural girls and women on the management of small income-generating projects, fostering the teaching of

Arabic as a non-native language as part of the programmes of ISESCO's specialized educational centers, providing pedagogical training for these centers' teachers of Arabic language and Islamic Education, modernizing the curricula of both subjects, invigorating the role education plays in comprehensive development and in the enculturation of shared universal values; and encouraging the active involvement of civil society organizations in these areas.

- 3- **Welcomes** ISESCO's initiatives aimed at creating more specialized regional educational centers, establishing and activating university chairs, allocating annual prizes for literacy and educators, and providing scholarships to bright students from Member States and from Muslim communities outside the Islamic world.
- 4- **Commends** the education-related achievements made by ISESCO for Member States and Muslim communities outside the Islamic world over the period 2013-2015 and throughout its history; and **invites** the Director General to continue such efforts within ISESCO's focus areas and under its future action plans and educational programmes, in such a way as to enhance joint Islamic educational action and meet Member States' needs and commitments regarding the goals of the 2030 international agenda, the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action 2015-2025 and the African Agenda 2063.
- 5- **Invites** Member States, specialized institutions, partners and donors to step up their support for ISESCO's efforts in educational areas of common interest and to provide the procedures and the relevant material, technical and human resources necessary for bringing such efforts to full fruition.
- 6- **Thanks** national, regional and international institutions, governmental and non-governmental, which contributed to funding and implementing the reported programmes and activities as well as to making such outstanding achievements for the Member States and for Muslim communities outside the Islamic world.
- 7- **Thanks** the Director General and his assistants for having prepared this Report, and **invites** him to have the item on the Director General's report on ISESCO's educational action included, on a regular basis, in the agenda of ISESCO Conference of Education Ministers.



## RESOLUTION ON ITEM 3.2 OF THE AGENDA:

### (Presentation on the efforts and outcomes of education reform in the Republic of Tunisia)

**The First IESCO Conference of Education Ministers**, held under the high patronage of H.E. President Béji Caïd Essebsi of the Republic of Tunisia, in Tunis, Republic of Tunisia, on 26 Muharram 1438 A.H., corresponding to 27 October 2016, on the theme **“Towards boosting and activating joint Islamic educational action”**,

- Having considered the **“Presentation on the efforts and outcomes of education reform in the Republic of Tunisia”** as contained in Document (ICEM-1/2016/3.2),
- Having listened to the presentation made by the representative of the Republic of Tunisia, and
- Based on the delegations having taken place,

### **Decides what follows:**

- 1- Adopts** the Document, **commends** its content elements and outcomes, and **invites** Member States to use this leading experience for guidance, within the framework of bilateral and multilateral cooperation.
- 2- Commends** the efforts of the Government of the Republic of Tunisia, represented by the Ministry of Education, consisting in the major structural reforms it has conducted to develop its educational system at all levels, and in the particular attention it pays to preparing young people to contribute to the promotion of development and coexistence.
- 3- Thanks** the educational community, national organizations, political parties and civil-society institutions in the Republic of Tunisia, and the international and regional organizations that have contributed with their expertise and inputs to preparing the document on education reform in Tunisia.





### RESOLUTION ON ITEM 3.3 OF THE AGENDA:

**(Statements of heads of Member States' delegations and participating organizations on their efforts for developing education)**

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- Having listened to the statements and reports presented by the heads of the Member States' delegations and the regional and international organizations and institutions taking part in the Conference,

#### **Decides what follows:**

- 1- **Takes note** of the reports and statements of the heads of Member States' delegations and participating organizations on the promotion of joint Islamic educational and international action.
- 2- **Commends** the efforts being made by the Member States and parallel international and regional organizations to promoting educational issues as part of their international and regional commitments, and **invites** them to continue their efforts to implement the resolutions of the specialized ministerial conferences in such a way as to meet Member States' needs, address their priorities and boost their public policies aimed at developing joint Islamic educational action.



## RESOLUTION ON ITEM 4.1 OF THE AGENDA:

### (Draft Strategy for the Promotion of Education in the Islamic World (amended Version))

**The First ISESCO Conference of Education Ministers**, held under the high patronage of H.E. President Béji Caïd Essebsi of the Republic of Tunisia, in Tunis, Republic of Tunisia, on 26 Muharram 1438 A.H., corresponding to 27 October 2016, on the theme **“Towards boosting and activating joint Islamic educational action”**,

- Having considered the **“Draft Strategy for the Promotion of Education in the Islamic World (amended Version)”** as contained in Document (ICEM-1/2016/4.1),
- Having listened to the report of ISESCO Director General, and
- Based on the deliberations having taken place,

#### **Decides what follows:**

1. **Adopts** the amended version of the “Strategy for the Promotion of Education in the Islamic World”, taking into consideration the Conference's observations.
2. **Encourages** seeking guidance in the guidelines and goals of this Strategy in the process of developing national educational policies, and building on its forward-looking vision regarding the priorities of future educational action in the Muslim world, in such a way as to ensure optimal benefit from its content elements and insights, taking into account each Member State's specific context and needs, the ultimate aim being to keep abreast of the present and future demands and achieve the expected comprehensive development.

3. **Calls for** taking appropriate measures, enacting relevant legislation, providing adequate material and technical resources, expanding the scope of consultation with ministries and with other production sectors and civil society institutions concerned with educational affairs in the Member States, while instructing the competent national authorities concerned with educational planning and evaluation and other such technical authorities to activate the Strategy, without losing sight of the specific local needs and contexts; seeking inspiration in the Strategy's philosophy to ensure the expected transition in all educational levels from a teaching-based into a learning-based model of education and from an instruction-based into a smart digital school; invigorating the role of education in entrenching shared Islamic and universal values; and accounting for such efforts in the national reports submitted to the sessions of ISESCO Conference of Education Ministers to make the best of them and ensure a successful sharing of experiences in this connection.
4. **Calls for** boosting educational cooperation, strengthening international and regional partnership in the education sector, and ensuring diversified forms of access to the financial support opportunities offered by regional and international financial institutions, the private sector and the Arab and Islamic charitable and *waqf* organizations, in order to boost the sectors related to comprehensive sustainable development.
5. **Supports** the national mechanisms in charge of addressing educational issues such as national education and training councils and think tanks aimed at the development of the educational system, and all other such mechanisms dedicated to the monitoring and evaluation of educational action, and **entrusts** them with monitoring the implementation of the Strategy for the Promotion of Education in the Islamic World.
6. **Lauds** ISESCO's efforts devoted to the promotion and invigoration of joint Islamic and international educational action in order to develop the educational systems of Member States.
7. **Thanks** ISESCO along with its Director General and his assistants for having prepared the "Strategy for the Promotion of Education in the Islamic World", **considers** it as a reference document for joint Islamic educational action, and **invites** the Organization to ensure follow-up to its implementation and to set up appropriate mechanisms to this end.
8. **Invites** the Director General to submit a report on the implementation of the "Strategy for the Promotion of Education in the Islamic World" to the forthcoming session of the Conference.



## RESOLUTION ON ITEM 4.2 OF THE AGENDA:

### (Draft Tunis Communiqué on Invigorating Youth's Educational Roles in Entrenching the Values of Tolerance and Coexistence)

**The First ISESCO Conference of Education Ministers**, held under the high patronage of H.E. President Béji Caïd Essebsi of the Republic of Tunisia, in Tunis, Republic of Tunisia, on 26 Muharram 1438 A.H., corresponding to 27 October 2016, on the theme “**Towards boosting and activating joint Islamic educational action**”,

- Having considered the “**Draft Tunis Communiqué on Invigorating Youth's Educational Roles in Entrenching the Values of Tolerance and Coexistence**” as contained in Document (ICEM-1/2016/4.2), and
- Based on the deliberations having taken place,

#### **Decides what follows:**

1. **Adopts** the “Tunis Communiqué on Invigorating Youth's Educational Roles in Entrenching the Values of Tolerance and Coexistence”.
2. **Encourages** seeking guidance in the guidelines of this Communiqué for developing youth-oriented educational plans and programmes in such a way as to invigorate their educational roles in entrenching tolerance, civic values, human rights and coexistence, and shielding them against vulnerability to violence, extremism and terrorism.
3. **Commends** ISESCO's efforts and initiatives to invigorate youth's educational roles in fostering coexistence and addressing contemporary international issues, and **invites** the Organization to increase these efforts and consolidate cooperation and partnership relations with Member States and international and regional specialized organizations to raise youth's awareness about the values shared by the world's youth and strengthen understanding among them.



## RESOLUTION ON ITEM 5.1 OF THE AGENDA:

### (Adoption of the Draft ICEM Rules of Procedure, Establishment of the Consultative Council for the Promotion of Education in the Islamic World and Election of the Council Members)

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- Based on the deliberations having taken place and the proposals put forward,

#### **Decides what follows:**

- 1. Adopts** the Rules of Procedure of ISESCO Conference of Education Ministers.
- 2. Establishes** the Consultative Council for the Promotion of Education in the Islamic World.
- 3. Invites** the Director General to prepare the draft Rules of Procedure of the Consultative Council and to submit them for approval to the Council's first session and then to the Conference's second session for adoption.
- 4. Elects** the members of the Consultative Council for the Promotion of Education in the Islamic World for a three-year term, renewable once, as follows:

#### ♦ **Member States:**

##### - **Arab Region:**

- State of Qatar
- Arab Republic of Egypt
- Kingdom of Morocco

- **African Region:**

- Republic of Chad
- Republic of Côte d'Ivoire
- Federal Republic of Nigeria

- **Asian Region:**

- Republic of Azerbaijan
- People's Republic of Bangladesh
- Malaysia

◆ **Ex-officio Members:**

- State chairing the Conference session
- The Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) in its capacity as Secretariat of the Conference and Secretariat of the Consultative Council.

- 5. Invites** the Member States to designate their representatives to the Council within three (3) months as from the date of this resolution, and **mandates** the Director General to designate another State as member of the Council, in coordination with the Conference Chair, in the event ISESCO General Directorate has received no nomination from one of the States concerned within the prescribed time limit.
- 6. Notes** that the Member States shall cover the travel expenses of their representatives to the Council, while ISESCO shall bear their accommodation expenses over the duration of the Council.



## RESOLUTION ON ITEM 5.2 OF THE AGENDA:

(Date and Venue for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Conference)

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- Based on the deliberations having taken place,

### **Decides what follows:**

- **To hold** the second session of the Conference in October 2019, and **mandates** ISESCO's Director General to contact Member States to determine its venue.
- **To hold** the second session at ISESCO headquarters in Rabat, in October 2019, in the event no Member State offers to host it.